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Apprentice Daniel is commended



Daniel Harvey with Karen Riley, deputy director of the Skills Funding Agency

APPRENTICES have been recognised for their efforts at an annual award ceremony. Among those honoured at the National Apprenticeship Awards was 21-year-old Daniel Harvey, of Cannock, who was a finalist in the Advanced Apprentice of the Year category.

Daniel, who is completing an Advanced Apprenticeship in engineering with Jaguar Land Rover, said: "As a profoundly deaf apprentice, and someone with no previous

industrial experience, my apprenticeship has provided me with a fantastic learning curve and helped me to develop and mature as a person. I now regularly get involved in careers events to raise the profile of engineering and to promote the value of apprenticeships."

The West Midlands regional ceremony was at the Mitchells & Butlers training headquarters in Birmingham. The national finals will be at the LG Arena.

Deer claim on hit and run

A HIT and run driver told police she had hit a deer when she had knocked down a 24-year-old man, magistrates heard.

Jamey Coleman, of Springhill Road, Brownhills, was struck at around 3.20am on March 30 on Watling Street, after a night out. He later died. The driver, 23-year-old Bethany Ward, did not stop. She was later identified after police officers checked

cameras. She admitted failing to stop, failing to report a collision and driving not in accordance with her licence at Walsall magistrates court. She was bailed until October 16 for sentencing.

Cameras

Mr Coleman was on his way home with his friend Thomas Tonks, said Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting. Police investigations led to automatic number plate recognition cameras being checked. Officers were led to

Ward, of Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley, after they found a match for the description of her Peugeot.

When they called at her home they noticed the front of the car was damaged.

Mr Cooper said: "When arrested she initially said she was on her way from work and that she had struck a deer and carried on her journey."

"Forensic tests revealed glass from the car was found in the deceased man's clothes."



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Bafta scholarship just the ticket

A PARKING attendant from Burntwood has been awarded a Bafta scholarship to study screenwriting at the National Film and Television School.

Tadhg Culley, who was handed £10,000, is one of a number of UK scholarship recipients in film, television and games. The winners – who might otherwise have struggled to fund their studies – will also receive one-to-one mentoring by Bafta members and award-winners.

Tadhg, who was born in Münster, Germany, where his father was stationed with the British Army, grew up at Whittington Barracks before moving to Burntwood.

The 24-year-old has a degree in Film Production from the University for the Creative Arts in Farnham, Surrey. His previous work

includes two years as a civil enforcement officer.

Tadhg said: “To be recognised and supported by Bafta as fresh talent is one of the greatest honours I have yet received.”

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Tadhg Culley – scholarship

MP critical of council amid expenses claims

CANNOCK Chase MP Aidan Burley has blamed the Labour-run district council for his high expenses claim – as he receives no rate relief on his constituency advice centre.

Latest figures show 19 West Midlands MPs claimed more than £2.9m on expenses and office costs.

Their total claims for staff, travel, office rent, their second homes and other costs came to between £77,000 and

£184,000 each according to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority.

Mr Burley, who is standing down at the next election, claimed £183,893.19. Both he and Wyre Forest's Tory representative Mark Garner employ their wives as office managers. Mr Burley's spouse Jodie is on £25,000 to £29,999.99.

Mr Burley hit out at the district council for his high costs. He said: “The reason my constituency office is expensive to run is because

the Labour-run district council insists on charging over £6,000 Business Rates per year, when we are not a business and do not make any profit.

“They grant rates relief to nearly every other Citizen's Advice type service, which is what the MP Help Zone is, but when we applied they refused us because my Labour predecessor Tony Wright never ran such a service.

“I make no apology for helping tens of thousands of constituents over the past four years, who never need an appointment, and can come and get help five days a week. Ironically, most of their complaints are about poor service from the district council.”

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson also employed his wife Joanne from April to August in 2013. Figures showed she received between £1,000 and £4,999.99 as a junior secretary.

Parents can check eligibility by entering their details on the new online self checker at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/think2

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Les gets on bike for charity



Parkinson's sufferer Les Taylor is to race around a speedway track to raise money for

A PENSIONER will be getting on his bike in aid of Parkinson's UK next month.

Les Taylor, aged 68 will be racing around a speedway circuit on October 4 in Buxton, Derbyshire with his son Arthur, aged 24.

The bike enthusiast was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 12 months ago. He said: “I haven't let it stop me doing things. I recently decided to do something like this to raise money for charity.”

“It'll be the first time I've ever ridden a speedway bike. It's bit different to the bikes

I'm used to as it won't have any breaks or gears and it only reaches speeds of 60mph.”

The father-of-two, of Cannock, has challenged himself to complete four laps of the oval track in under three-and-a-half minutes. He has already managed to raise £160.

The forklift truck driver, who normally rides a BMW 1100 RT, is a member of Chase Parkinson's Group which meets at the Aquarius Ballroom in Hednesford.

To donate go to www.justgiving.com/les-speedway

Student is write on to earn top prizes

A SPORTY Wolgarston High School pupil has turned her talents to journalism.

Anna King, the Penkridge school's Pyrenees Sports Captain, also represents the English Schools Football Association's Under-15s.

Anna entered an e-reporter competition for the PlayStation Schools' Cup, sending in a report of the Girls Under-14 PlayStation Inter County Trophy match between Staffordshire Schools FA and Kent FA.

Her report was selected as one of the winning entries and her efforts earned her a PlayStation 4, Sony laptop and digital camera.

Anna said: “I am really happy to have won the competition. I didn't think submitting my football match report would have won, let alone win such great prizes.”

Wolgarston PE teacher Matt Skinner said: “We are very proud of Anna's achievements.

“She is setting a great example of all her fellow students – that sporting and academic success can be achieved at the same time.”

The PlayStation Schools' Cup is a 'grass roots' football partnership between PlayStation and the English Schools' FA.

Bus service is launched

A NEW bus serving Norton Canes has been launched. It follows the axe of a previous service that left villagers complaining they were left stranded.

Operators Arrive has introduced a number 34 route that calls at Church Road and Norton Green Lane. It comes after the number 32, a half-hourly service which connected western Norton Canes to Cannock, was scrapped.

The new service began on Monday. Buses run between 6.47am until 5.47pm, returning from Hednesford at 7.17am until 6.17pm.

Pigeon racing

A PIGEON racing night will raise money for church funds in Rugeley. St Augustine's church hall, in Station Road, is staging the event from 7.30pm on Saturday, October 25. Entrance is £2, or 50p for children and a prize will be awarded for each race.

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Campaign backed in House of Commons

A CRACKDOWN on drivers using mobile phones – launched after the death of a 20-year-old woman – has been backed in the House of Commons.

Last July, Laura Thomas, of Great Haywood, and fiancé Lewis Pagett, 19, were struck by their own vehicle after an HGV crashed into it as they stood waiting for help after breaking down on the A5 on the way to Wales. Laura was killed and Lewis seriously hurt.

Lorry driver Ian Glover, aged 44, from Birmingham, who was browsing explicit dating websites at the time, was jailed for five years.

Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy visited Laura's mother Lisa to hear more of their campaign to raise awareness of dangers of using a phone while driving and agreed to raise it in Parliament.

Mr Lefroy asked William Hague, Leader of the House of Commons, for a debate on support for those who want to raise awareness of the dangers as well as on the sentences available for such crimes, which often seem too short.

Mr Hague replied: "It is important that people understand the great dangers of using mobile phones while driving."

Tee off for golf special

A CANNOCK sports bar tees off a weekend of top golfing action as it hosts a Ryder Cup special.

Bar Sport, in High Green, will be showing all the action from Gleneagles from Friday until Sunday as Europe take on the USA.

Ryder Cup themed food and drink specials will be available.

Bar Sport owner Scott Murray said: "The Ryder Cup is one of the greatest sporting occasions."

"We will be showing all of the action from start to finish and have lots of food and drinks offers."

Sappers' meeting

THE next meeting of the Cannock Branch of the Royal Engineers Association takes place on Tuesday, September 30, from 8pm at the Drill Hall, Walsall Road, Bridgton. Further information is available from the branch secretary on 01543 423319.

Cast of hundreds for open-air production



Cast members for the 2008 production of Four Winters at War

HUNDREDS of cast members are needed for an ambitious open-air project by a Cannock Chase drama group.

Tower Players wants actors, dancers, floral artists, musicians, painters, photographers, singers and creative artists for Four Winters at War.

Cannock Chase Arts Council chairman Peter Sidgwick said even those not affiliated to the group, and with no previous experience would be welcome. First performed by the Tower Players in 2008, Four Winters at War

is a musical play written by Mr Sidgwick with music by Jon Seymour.

The fictional work draws on C.J. Whitehouse's book A Town for Four Winters, – short history of the military camps on Cannock Chase from 1915-18 – and, to a lesser extent, on Paul Bedford's book on Gaskin on a notorious Hednesford wife killer.

It centres on the lives and loves of three soldiers, one British, one from New Zealand and one a German Prisoner of War, all of whom find them-

selves on the Chase and all of whom become romantically attached to nurses serving at the nearby military hospital on Brindley Heath.

Thanks to the Forestry Commission, Cannock Chase Council, Cannock Chase Arts Council and the Birmingham Pals, the show will be staged on June 10 and 21 next year at the Birches Valley open air concert site. Anyone interested can find out more at the Prince of Wales Centre, Church Street, at 7.30pm on October 7.

Victim assaulted after pulling out of deal

A MAN was beaten up after pulling out of a deal to buy drugs, a judge heard.

Mark Boulton was attacked by two men – one from Cannock – who punched him to the ground and kicked him.

The attackers, Lee Dunbar and Aaron Moorcroft, ran off when the noise of the fight woke residents who called the police, Stafford crown court was told.

Mr Boulton, covered in blood, staggered to a nearby house for help.

Miss Jennifer Jacobs, prosecuting, said Mr Boulton later said he had been trying to buy drugs from Moorcroft, but after agreeing a deal the price went up and he decided to withdraw from the agreement.

Mr Boulton, who had been drinking heavily, came across the defendants in the last pub he visited and they followed the victim out.

Punches

The assault happened on August 8 last year in Queen Street, Chasetown. It was not clear how it started.

The victim ended up on the floor with the defendants attacking him – Moorcroft raining punches, while Dunbar kicked him once and then sat on his legs.

Mr Boulton suffered injuries to his face, head and body, Miss Jacobs said.

Dunbar, aged 24, of Dorney Place, Bridgton, and Moorcroft, aged 25, of Bish-

by Laura Blyth

ops Offley, near Stafford, both admitted assault causing actual bodily harm. Each were given six-month prison sentences but Dunbar's was suspended for two years and he was ordered to do 150 hours of unpaid work.

Recorder Mr Michael Elsom told the pair: "Whatever Mr Boulton wanted to buy, whatever change of mind he expressed, however drunk he was, doesn't excuse your behaviour."

Mr Mark Moore, for Moorcroft, said Mr Boulton had initially walked away after discussions had taken place and it was his returning to the defendants which triggered the offence. There had been no premeditation.

Mr Paul Mytton, for Dunbar, added: "In the 13 months which have elapsed he hasn't come to the attention of the courts and has not been going around getting in to trouble."

Concerns over homes bid

MORE than 120 homes in Hednesford are being recommended for approval, despite concerns over extra traffic and over-development of the area.

The scheme for 127 properties on land off Pye Green Road, was being considered by the Cannock Chase Council's planning committee yesterday (Wednesday).

Hednesford Town Council has objected on the grounds of increased traffic, narrow access onto the site and lack of social housing.

Council leader and Hednesford councillor George Adamson said: "I think it is over-development for Hednesford."



Organisers Linda Young, front, with, from left, Sue Jackson and Doris Bradbury

Break for coffee in support of charity

SHOPPERS can take a break and help charity at the same time this weekend.

Cannock indoor market traders Sue Jackson, Linda Young and Doris Bradbury are organising a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be on offer from around 9.30am in the vacant former Hallmark store in Market Hall Street on Saturday (September 27).

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning events are also taking place tomorrow (Friday). Stores in Cannock Shopping Centre are staging a number of games and activities to support the cause from 10am to 2pm.

Chase and Rugeley Leisure Centres are staging their own fundraisers.

Sainsbury's is playing its part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning by hosting an event at its Orbital Way store, Cannock, from 10am to noon tomorrow (Friday). It will be followed on Saturday by a 'street meeting' with community police in the store's cafe from 3-4pm.

The 1st Blackfords Sea Scouts hosts a coffee morning on Saturday (September 27) at its hut in Old Fallow Road Cannock from 10.30am to noon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Steps to support dementia sufferers

STEPS are being taken to support dementia sufferers in Hednesford. The aim is to make the town a dementia-friendly community.

A launch event is being held at the Aquarius Ballroom, Victoria Street, on Wednesday, October 1 from 1.15pm with organisations from across the public, private and voluntary sectors to attend.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "We want to make sure people living with dementia in Hednesford can participate in their local community."

Poetry in motion for library event

PERFORMANCE poet Emma Purnhouse will be writing poetry on demand in a workshop at Cannock Library.

The Manor Avenue venue is celebrating National Poetry Day with the pop-up poetry event next Wednesday, October 1, from 11am to 1pm.

Emma will be taking requests and penning odes on people's thoughts about living in Cannock.

The library plans to copy and display the poems. Call 01543 510365 for details.

History month's Beaudesert trek

WALKERS can take a trek around Beaudesert to mark Local History Month.

The walk, which includes an illustrated talk, takes place on Wednesday, October 8, from 9.30am to around 1.30pm. Cost is £3, or £2 for library members and includes refreshments.

Meet at Castle Ring car park. Call Cannock Library on 01543 510365 for more information.

Make fruit baskets at craft workshop

VISITORS to the Museum of Cannock Chase can learn how to make fruit baskets next month.

Dave Knowles, from the Forest of Mercia, is hosting a free craft workshop at the venue, in Valley Road, Hednesford, from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Monday, October 6.

Booking is essential on 01543 877666.

Sequence dance

A SEQUENCE dance takes place in aid of the Alzheimer's Society next month. It is at Lea Hall Social Club, Sandy Lane, from 7.30 to 10.30pm on Sunday, October 19. Admission is £2.50, pay on the door.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



A DAILY Telegraph reader announced this week she had already posted her Christmas cards to friends in Scotland, just in case by December overseas postage rates might apply.

PUZZLED why the United States has kept well out of Russia's slow-motion invasion of Ukraine? A clue came this week when Nasa announced it had chosen two private spacecraft to fly its crews to the International Space Station. This is a reminder that, since the withdrawal of the Shuttles, the US has had to rely on Russian rockets to get into space. And if you're going anywhere important it's a golden rule that you must never fall out with the driver.

A REPORT reveals that thousands of customers tell lies to get car insurance. Some claim they have no convictions, others claim to be living at a false address. But if insurance customers are dodgy, what about insurance companies? I have just been to France, clutching a travel-insurance policy which included the fact that I had high blood pressure. But it also excluded any claims from customers undergoing medical tests or waiting for the results of tests. So tell me - how can anyone know they have high blood pressure without tests? Once diagnosed with high blood pressure you are, by definition, in for a lifetime of tests.

JOHN Bradshaw, an anthrozoologist, tells the Radio Times that cats are stressed by making them share houses with other cats and expecting too much of them. This will come as a puzzle to most cat owners who spend their time dashing from home to workplace, to supermarket to school run while the moggie spends 18 hours a day snoozing on the sofa. In this stress, I want some.



ANTHROZOOLOGISTS? No, I can't find them in Yellow Pages either.

JOAO Magueijo is a Portuguese academic who has lived in Britain for more than 20 years and just written a book (sadly not yet translated from Portuguese) about those frightful Brits. He says we are a bunch of violent, sex-mad, lardere alcoholics with revolting personal hygiene, riddled with self-destructive xenophobia and addicted to drinking "hot, dirty water," or tea, as we call it. So far, so good. Sadly, Magueijo spoils the effect by insisting his book is all tongue-in-cheek and he actually loves Britain and the Brits. Curious. For a moment there, he seemed to be rather close to the truth.

DO some NHS staff deliberately leak patients' private details to commercial companies? That is the obvious explanation for all those "coincidental" phone calls, reported by dozens of readers of this column, from compensation lawyers, stairlift firms and suchlike, which are received within days of receiving hospital treatment. Here's the latest. A reader tells me his wife had a fall a few days ago. After treatment at A&E, she attended the fracture clinic the following day. He reports: "After treatment we proceeded to the exit where her mobile went off. It was a text asking her if she had had an accident recently." He describes this as "a bit suspicious." I would go further. I would suggest someone at the hospital is on the take. The NHS says such conduct is a sacking offence but I'm not aware of anyone ever being sacked. Any similar examples?

AT Calais the port is surrounded by high steel fences. Two pathetic shredded strips of cloth hang from the razor wire, fluttering in the breeze and marking the place where some would-be migrant's dreams came to an end. At the coach park by the wine warehouse, half-hidden in the trees, groups of young Africans stalk like wolves, looking for any unguarded vehicle. The lottery of life is as unfair as ever.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Duke of York in visit to E&S offices



Five apprentices join the E&S

THE Duke of York Prince Andrew was due to visit the Express & Star's Wolverhampton headquarters this week to give his backing to the Ladder for the Black Country campaign.

His Royal Highness is patron of the scheme encouraging businesses to take on apprenticeships to solve high levels of youth unemployment.

The campaign, launched in the Express & Star last week, is off to a flying start with 80 apprenticeships created

on the first day alone. And many other firms are now in talks with the campaign after a public launch at the Black Country Chamber of Commerce's annual exhibition.

The Duke will meet with young people already taking their first steps on the job ladder. The Express & Star has joined forces with the Vine Trust, Performance Through People, and the Black Country Chamber of Commerce to help young people.



Visit - Prince Andrew

Firms' rush to help young is just the job

By Rob Gollidge

FIRMS are queuing up to back the Ladder for the Black Country scheme to create new apprenticeships after the campaign's public launch.

Scores of business leaders from across the region got their first taste of the scheme at the Black Country Chamber of Commerce's annual exhibition at a packed Wolverhampton Racecourse.

Backed by the Duke of York Prince Andrew, the Express & Star has teamed up with the Vine Trust, a charity that is already helping to get young people into work, to create new apprenticeships.

Training provider Performance Through People (PTP), the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, and Ikea Wednesbury are also leading partners. At the time of going to press there had been 107 apprenticeship enquiries and 18 company enquiries.

Response

The newspaper itself has taken on five new apprentice journalists.

Editor Keith Harrison said: "The Express & Star is proud to head up the Ladder for the Black Country, to drive home the message that apprenticeships work."

Campaign partner Kevin Davis, chief executive of the Vine Trust, gave an introductory speech at the launch, urging businesses to work together and get on board.

Eighty apprenticeships have already been pledged by Accord Group, Walsall Housing Group, Ikea, and the Express & Star.

Ladder for the Black Country partner Gill Durkin, business development director for Performance Through People, said: "There has been an excellent response and we have had interest from organisations who want to get involved in all sorts of ways."

"We have had plenty of businesses sign up - it has been a real success. Once we sit down and talk



Plenty of interest at the launch of the scheme at the exhibition



The team behind the Ladder for the Black Country campaign at the launch

with some of the companies we will know how many overall the event has created. But the pledges we have already received is fantastic."

Margaret Corneby, chief executive of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said: "Apprenticeships have had their ups and downs, especially with employers, but I think there is an awful lot of good work and some very good success stories to inspire young people."

"The Ladder for the Black Country is not about all those companies that already have apprenticeships, it is about encouraging all those businesses that have never thought

about them," she added. "There are a lot of companies out there who think it is too much paperwork or time to take on an apprentice."

"But what the Ladder for the Black Country has done has created a clearing centre - making it that much easier."

Ninder Johal, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and member of the Local Enterprise Partnership, said the Black Country needed to close a skills gap.

The number of young people out of work in the Black Country is the highest in the country, with more



Kevin Davis of the Vine Trust

than 8,000 18 to 24-year-olds in the dole queues each week.

Official figures show youth unemployment in the Black Country is more than double the national average, with Wolverhampton having the longest dole queues in England. Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley also all feature in the top 12 youth unemployment blackspots.

A website and call centre has been set up by PTP.

Young people and businesses alike can call the Ladder for Black Country hotline on 03332 409 699, or visit ladderfortheblackcountry.co.uk

Making waves in Channel swim relay

AN open-water swimming expert has helped to raise more than £12,500 for charity after taking part in an English Channel relay.

Garry Seghers from Cannock was the oldest member of the six-strong team which was raising funds for Diabetes UK.

The 60-year-old is qualifications development manager at the Swimming Teachers Association.

Each team member undertook two one-hour swims in the Channel, en route from Dover to Cap Gris Nez in France, swimming just over 36 miles in under 15 hours.

Afterwards Mr Seghers, who was not allowed to wear a protective wet suit as a condition of the challenge, said: "The conditions were absolutely perfect for the swim, with waters at 18C."

"It was a hugely enjoyable and occasionally emotional."

"It's certainly the most difficult open water swim I have completed but it is my greatest achievement and I'm so proud that we have raised such a lot of money for a great charity."

Mr Seghers decided to do the challenge to mark his birthday in April.

He has previously undertaken several open-water challenges.

Open days at rural academy

PROSPECTIVE students can take a look around the Rural Enterprise Academy at two forthcoming open days.

The free school, based at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston Campus is the UK's only dedicated land-based academy and opened in September 2012. Open evenings take place on Tuesdays September 30 and October 7 from 6-8pm for students wishing to join Year 9, Year 10 or Year 12 next September.

For more, visit www.ruralenterpriseacademy.com or call 01785 333360.

Cyclist injured

A CYCLIST had to be taken to hospital after a rush-hour collision involving a car in Great Wyrley. The accident happened in Landwood Lane at about 4.40pm last Thursday (September 18). An ambulance conveyed the cyclist to Walsall Manor Hospital.

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Cannock Chase WINNER

Riders will pay their respects to fallen

MOTORCYCLISTS will pay their respects to the fallen when they 'Ride to the Wall' next weekend.

Riders will converge on the national Memorial Arboretum for the seventh annual event to show their support for the Armed Forces. The event also raises considerable funds for the Alrewas site.

The Wolseley Bridge Garden Centre near Rugeley will be one of the 11 official starting points, with around 150 riders gathering on Saturday, October 4 from 9.25am.

Making the pilgrimage will be riders from all corners of the UK and continental Europe, either as individuals or in groups and chapters. Regional Harley Owners Groups, The Royal British Legion Riders Branch and other motorcycle clubs will be among those represented.

Riders from Drayton Manor Park will be the last to arrive at the Arboretum from 12.15pm.

The Military Wives Choir will later perform on the steps of the Armed Forces Memorial and a Tiger Moth bi-plane will drop poppy petals along the causeway to the Memorial prior to the start of a service at its base.

Reunion for ex-colleagues

FORMER workers of a coal-board computer centre are invited to a reunion to reminisce for past colleagues.

The reunion for punch room staff from the National Coalboard computer centre, in Walsall Road, Bridgtown, was taking place tonight (Thursday).

Staff worked at the computer centre from the 60s until the early 2000s when it closed for the final time for redevelopment.

The event takes place at Cannock Conservative Club, in High Green, Cannock, from 7.30pm. Call Doreen on 01563 676481 for details.

Choir performs

CANNOCK Chase Ex-Servicemen's Male Voice Choir stage a free concert at St Augustine's Church, Rugeley, next weekend. It is at the Station Road church from 7.30-9pm on Saturday, October 4. Donations are requested and there will be a raffle and refreshments.

School banks on support for fundraisers



Chancel Primary pupils meet Barclays Bank staff in Rugeley

PUPILS have thanked bank staff for their help in a host of fundraising activities.

Youngsters from Chancel Primary School in Rugeley have already written letters of thanks and designed posters for display in the town's branch of Barclays.

Last week, they visited the branch in person to give their thanks.

Bank employees have helped to organise activities at the school over the past couple of years, including discos, movie munch nights and

tea with Santa events. The branch has also helped to raise over £3,000 in funds for the school's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association.

Headteacher Mrs Tina Blankley said: "The school is very grateful for the support of local businesses, and we are always looking at ways to work with the local community."

Delighted

Karen Harvey, of Barclays Rugeley branch, said: "We are delighted with the amount raised for Chancel

Primary School PTFA and would like to thank everyone who supported us to make this happen."

Pictured with Karen Harvey at the bank are pupils Joshua Harvey, aged eight, Josef Holmes and Thomas Hurst, both 10, seven-year-old Dan Holmes, Abigail Tite, nine, Lucy Mollitt, eight, six-year-old Sebastian Tite and Caitlin Smialowski, seven.

The pupils had either written letters of thanks or drawn posters for the bank to display in the branch.

Demand over future as skills centre stays shut

A LEADING Burntwood councillor is demanding to know what the future holds for the town's £2.5million skills centre.

The Lichfield and Burntwood Vocational Centre was opened in 2011 opposite Chase Terrace Technology College. The state-of-the-art centre offering vocational skills training and education to 14-to-19-year-olds in the likes of engineering, hair and beauty and construction.

Scheme on shortlist for award

STAFFORDSHIRE Horsewatch has been shortlisted for a crimefighting award.

The specialist group is in the running for the Social Media and Equine Crime Fighter categories in the annual NFU Mutual Country Crime Fighter Awards.

The ceremony takes place in London on Thursday, October 9 and PCSO Lucy Hadfield, who has been holding the reins of the Horsewatch group for the last two years, will be swapping her uniform for her glad rags to attend.

She said: "We're really pleased to have been shortlisted and this wouldn't have happened without the support from our members and Facebook followers."

"I'm honoured to be attending to represent Staffordshire Horsewatch." Staffordshire Horsewatch was founded in September 1993, following a meeting at the Staffordshire County Showground.

The scheme, backed by Staffordshire Police, is primarily organised and run by an equine enthusiast for others who own and ride horses.

However, its doors are closed and it is not currently in use - at a time, says county Councillor Sue Woodward, when all political parties have skills training high on their agenda.

The Burntwood North Councillor has expressed her disappointment that the centre remains closed.

She has been lobbying the council on boosting activity at the centre since last May and has met cabinet member for learning and skills, Councillor Ben Adams, to discuss its future potential.

Mothballed

Councillor Woodward, shadow member for learning and skills, said: "It's got great potential for boosting the local economy both in Burntwood and further afield, but at present it has in effect been mothballed."

"It simply isn't good enough for Staffordshire County Council to allow this excellent facility to lie idle at a time of skills shortages and also fail to keep local stakeholders and their representatives informed about what's going on."

The county council says it is working to bring in a new provider to re-launch the centre.

It said the number of pupils had fallen to 'double figures' and all remaining pupils have been transferred to South Staffordshire College.

Action call on crumbling pavements



Dave Morris, of Ukip, looks at the poor pavements in Cannock Road, Chads Moor, where a pensioner stumbled

A CAMPAIGNER has demanded urgent repairs on a crumbling road and pavement near a busy shopping precinct. Dave Morris, of Ukip, claims a pensioner tripped and fell near the shops in Chads Moor.

Councillors say the remedial work will be carried out and that repairs were the responsibility of the private owner of the shops off Cannock Road.

Mr Morris said problems with the block paving lifting up had been reported more than 12 months ago, but

no action had been taken to fix the resulting pot holes. He said: "I saw an old lady fall over on this paving a few weeks ago so I got in touch with the district council about it because the block paving is in a dreadful state."

"It's been lifting up for well over a year. People in the area have told me they have complained about it."

"The problem is that this access road is used by taxis and vehicles taking deliveries to the businesses. The block paving has been there for many

years now, but was never going to be suitable for the pounding it takes."

Cannock East ward representative Councillor Muriel Davis said: "We have noted this piece of road doesn't belong to the council, but to the owner of the shops who we understand lives abroad."

"We are looking into it, but of course the problem will be who pays for the work. Nevertheless it needs to be sorted as it on the main street and we have it in hand."

TV host Craven to unveil carving

TV presenter John Craven was this week unveiling a new wooden carving at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's base.

The Countryfile host was unveiling the Cedar Tree carving at the Wolseley Bridge yesterday (Wednesday) ahead of a talk at Staffordshire County Showground in Stafford.

Mr Craven has been a presenter on Countryfile for more than 25 years.

He was due to be speaking about his life, work and love of the great outdoors.

All proceeds raised from the talk will go to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

New buses for Amazon workers

NEW bus services have been introduced for workers at the Amazon warehouse in Rugeley.

Three new buses have been added to the distribution centre from Wolverhampton, Great Barr and Erdington.

It comes as an extra 350 permanent jobs and 2,500 temporary workers are being employed this Christmas at the site in Wheelhouse Lane.

Arriva Midlands says the A5, A51 and A52 services will meet shift patterns.

New car park to be laid at church

THE next coffee morning at St John the Baptist Church, Slitting Mill, takes place next Wednesday, October 1.

It starts at 10.30am and will be followed on Sunday, October 5, by a Harvest Thanksgiving service.

A Harvest Lunch on Saturday, October 11 precedes an auction of produce at noon and on October 13, the laying of a new car park will begin.

Free gym pass for keep fit day

AN open day is being held at a Hedgesford gym tomorrow (Friday). Its aim is to encourage people to change their lifestyles by getting fit.

Pure Gym is offering free use of its equipment as part of National Fitness Day. People can also attend classes for free.

To get a free day pass go to www.puregym.com

Rambling on

CHASE & District Group Ramblers meet on Sunday for a nine-mile moderate/strenuous walk at Ratlinghope, Shropshire. Departure time is 9am from Hedgesford railway station car park, Anglesey Street.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

When I drove past my old school last week, the one thing that struck me was how much it had changed.

Not changed in the way that most places have in 30-odd years, but changed in the sense of its character, to an extent that it is now virtually unrecognisable.

Like many schools, much of the playing fields have been built on, with huge new extensions dwarfing the original buildings. But most noticeable of all is the steel collar of formidable-looking railings which now enclose the school grounds. About 7ft of dull, grey steel with sharp, menacing spikes. Yes, I know schools have had to up their security after the Dunblane massacre, but does it have to look quite so forbidding?

Which brings me to Redhill School in Stourbridge, which has come up with a very innovative way of making children eat their greens – by taking their fingerprints to monitor their eating habits.

To be honest, I began to feel uncomfortable when I began to read stories about children having chocolate biscuits confiscated by teachers at break time. Yes, we all know there is a problem with obesity in schools, but is it really the role of teachers to become some sort of diet police?

Apparently other schools use some form of biometric system to keep tabs on the youngsters. But at a time when we constantly hear of schools complaining they are short of money, surely there are better things they could have spent £20,000 on? Like, I dunno, textbooks or chalk?

Yes, times change, and maybe the innocence of childhood is not where it was, but how did we get to the point where children spend their days surrounded by yards and yards of forbidding grey steel and are fingerprinted before they are allowed to eat their lunch. To be honest, that sounds not so much like a school to me. And more like an open prison.

And on the subject of things not being what they used to be, Vauxhall has announced it is bringing back the Viva name for its new city car.

The Viva, fondly remembered by many readers as a stylish, nippy small car for drivers discerning enough to choose it over the ubiquitous Ford Escort, and sane enough to choose it over the Austin Allegro with its square steering wheel. And it was also the last Vauxhall designed in Britain, before the company became totally absorbed into the German Opel division.

Sadly, the new Viva won't be built in Britain, it won't be designed in Britain, in fact it won't be British at all. It will simply be a reskinned Chevrolet Spark (which is really a Daewoo, built in South Korea, and sold outside Britain as the Opel Karl).

Still, makes you proud to be British, doesn't it?



A picture of the double decker bus before restoration



Corporation bus 174 seen in action back in the 1950s



The buses on their way from Dudley to West Bromwich

It's just the ticket for a return to past

JONATHAN PRITCHARD marks the return of two buses which have been restored to their past glory

THEY were last seen on the roads of Sandwell more than 40 years ago – but these two vintage buses have taken to the streets again.

The two 1952 Daimler buses traced some of their steps as part of a celebration for the 100 year anniversary of the West Bromwich Corporation.

The Corporation was granted the power to start operating motor buses in 1913 with the first buses starting in 1914, and expanded into the surrounding areas until it was swallowed up by West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive.

They left the Black Country Living Museum at 10.15am last Wednesday before driving around the streets of Wednesbury and Dudley, to return back to the museum in the afternoon.

Circular

The buses have been lovingly restored over a number of years, and have cost thousands of pounds to get them back into the condition they were in when they first started their routes around the Black Country.

The single-decker Daimler CVG5 had a seven-litre engine and has 38 seats, and ran the circular 28 route, which would have travelled around the areas of Hatley Heath, Hill Top, and West Bromwich town centre.

Meanwhile, the double-decker CVG6 has 56 seats and a nine-litre engine, and travelled along the Birmingham to Dudley route, via West Bromwich and Wednesbury.

Both the vehicles entered service on



The two buses park up at the Black Country Living Museum, with from left, Ian Rhydderch, from Pelsall, Mark Sherwood, from Cradley Heath, Pete Smith, from Wednesbury, Daniel Sherwood, from Cradley Heath, Graham Harper, from West Bromwich, Terry Carter, from Heath Hayes, Dave Wootton, from Hednesford and Gordon Ibbotson, from Great Barr

March 1, 1952, with the CVG5 being used until July 1967 and the double-decker until 1974.

Gordon Ibbotson, who has helped restore the CVG6, said: "It's absolutely fantastic to see them on the road."

"It's an honour and a privilege to have been involved in it."

"It has been eight years since we started out and I guess you could say it has been a labour of love."

It cost between £40,000 and £50,000 to restore the bus, including £5,000 spent on the Gardner 6LW engine.

Mr Ibbotson added: "When we got the bus it was basically just a shell, we have had to lay new flooring, make new panelling and put in new seats."

"But we've restored it to the way it was, it looks exactly the same now."

"I was a body maker in my former career so that has helped."

The project was part-funded by former member of the CVG6 group Arthur Whitehouse, who left a bequest to the group in his will when he died in 2010.

The bus was finally completed late last year.

The group who look after the CVG5, called the 156 Bus group after the vehicles registration plate, have owned the bus since it was taken off the road in 1967.

Graham Harper, who is part of the 156 Bus Group, said: "I've been involved in this group ever since we got the car in 1967, so it's good to see all the hard work that has gone into the car paying off."

Rallies

"The bus was declared off road for 27 years and then we restored it and it passed its MOT in November 2010."

"Since then we have taken it on rallies and things like that, it's always good to go for a ride in it."

"We've had a few people waving at us and looking at the bus as it goes down the street, and a few people even put their hands up at a bus stop wanting to get on."

"All the money that has gone into the restoration of it has come out of our own pockets so I couldn't really put a figure on how much it has cost."

Mr Harper, a former bus driver himself, said the group bought the bus as soon as it was no longer being used, so they could preserve it.

Visitors to the museum were able to ride in the two vintage buses last Saturday as they took over the duties of the usual buses for one day only.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THE fate of the United Kingdom rested last week in the hands of a population smaller than that of the West Midlands.

It was right that it was just the Scots who decided on their nation's future as part of a family or on its own. The question now turns to south of the border.

In a late intervention to swing the vote in favour of No, the main party leaders promised Scotland the equivalent of Home Rule. Now it's time to wonder about England.

Public spending is £8,498 per head in the West Midlands, compared to £10,152 in Scotland. To put that in perspective, if the 5,602,000 people in the West Midlands had the same spending as Scotland they would get an extra £9,265,708,000 a year.

That's about 17 rebuilds of Birmingham's New Street station paid for every 12 months.

The West Midlands has proved that it is more than capable of pulling itself up by its boot straps – when the Government gives it the right tools. Take, for example, the JLR engine plant at the 154 on the Wolverhampton/Staffordshire border.

There, councils joined forces and agreed to fund the £36.7 million slip road from the M54 motorway – a key sweetener in attracting JLR to the site – by using the business rates they will collect as a way to pay off the investment. But too much development has relied upon going cap-in-hand to Whitehall.

How many times have we heard that Wolverhampton's long-awaited rail station was on the cards? And how many times have the hopes been dashed because governments just would not release the cash?

Devolution itself has never been sold particularly well in England. There were proposals for regional assemblies and three referendums were planned. Only one took place.

Whatever does happen for the West Midlands cannot just be a re-heated version of a plan that's been dead for a decade.

But with the Scots now about to receive more power it's time we ask the question: What about us?

Ian Austin is not an MP who is afraid to speak his mind, even if it does not necessarily fit the current party line. He has long been calling for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU and thinks it should be held before the General Election.

He also thinks there should be tough action on illegal immigration. So far, so common sense. And with a key marginal constituency in Dudley North, Mr Austin knows that it won't just be his core Labour supporters he needs to keep on side, but the floating voters, too.

UKIP knows this as well. But Mr Austin's opponent Bill Etheridge seems mightily miffed that the Labour MP is saying some of the same things that UKIP has.

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Mother's warning over signs of meningitis



Charlotte and Stewart Heath and their daughter Aimee, aged three, who contracted meningitis just after she was born

A MOTHER from Cheslyn Hay is warning parents to be wary of the signs of meningitis.

Aimee Heath was struck down with the potentially deadly virus only days after leaving hospital from birth. Her mother Charlotte now wants other parents to learn how to spot the early signs of the illness.

Aimee was born in July 2011 but things took a turn for the worse when she refused her feed and she had to be rushed back into hospital.

As a result, Aimee, now aged three, suffers from cerebral palsy. She can-

not talk or walk and has to be fed through a tube.

Doctors delivered the devastating news to Mrs Heath, aged 26, and her husband Stewart, 28, who works at Amazon in Rugeley, that baby Aimee had Group B streptococcal meningitis.

Fortunate

Mrs Heath, Aimee's full-time carer, said: "We were really shocked and scared when we were told. We spent four weeks in hospital before we could go home. It was a horrible time."

Speaking out for last week's Meningitis Awareness Week, Mrs Heath

said: "It was fortunate we spotted it early and took her to hospital when she stopped eating. If we'd left it any longer who knows what would have happened. I want to make people aware of meningitis and the impact it can have."

Symptoms include a fever, vomiting, headache and feeling generally unwell. Limb pain, pale skin and cold hands and feet often appear earlier than a rash. Neck stiffness, dislike of bright lights and confusion are also tell-tale signs.

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Whole jail term must be served

The Chronicle Thursday, September 25, 2014

RE: The story in the about the carjacker jailed after driving off with a two-year-old boy.

Upon reading the full article it transpired that Lee Southall, who attacked the driver of the car before taking it, was jailed in 2009 for eight years for an armed robbery in Hammerwich in March 2009.

So in theory the carjacking should not have taken place due to him still being locked up until 2017.

Isn't it about time that when a prison sentence is handed out the actual time inside should be what was actually decided by the judge? This should be on the basis that the prisoner has behaved themselves during that time – if not, extra time inside is added to the original sentence.

Being released early on license or moved to a cushy open prison after only a short period in time doesn't act as a deterrent and this needs to be abolished.

J RIGSBY, Cannock

Warning after near miss with cyclist

I WOULD like to issue a warning over cyclists and motorists alike. As we were pulling out, very slowly, from the Mill Farm, Lichfield Road, Cannock, at 4.30pm on Wednesday, September 17, a cyclist came within a whisker of coming off his bike.

What was he doing, riding at speed, on the pavement?

The high hedge on the town/nature reserve side of the entry/exit to the pub, to some extent obscures the right hand view of the pavement for mo-

torists leaving the car park. Pedestrians would be visible as they would be slower than a cyclist.

This man looked at us in amazement as he shot past us.

An inch or a second's difference could have seen you – you know who you are – and if you do this very often, could cause an accident. Maybe you were as shocked as we were?

You could so easily have fallen into the traffic if you'd clipped the car. The situation wasn't helped by wearing ear

phones – how can you hear all of what's going on around you?

You didn't wear a helmet either so could have sustained a head injury.

So often, motorists and cyclists blame the other but you were definitely in the wrong place – on the pavement.

So my message is for motorists to look out for cyclists who may not be where you'd expect them to be. Pavements are for pedestrians so cyclists please be sensible.

Name and address supplied

Concert an evening to remember

THE three choir concert at St Stephen's Church Cannock was an evening to remember.

Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club Male Voice Choir, 'Inspiration' Gospel Choir and Cannock Choral Society Choir all gave music lovers an unforgettable evening when they raised their voices in song along with soloist Diana Gunn.

Minister Edwin Myers and Ret Major Paul Mulingani both gave the audience heartfelt addresses on the WWI brave soldiers and the great work of The Royal British Legion.

The evening became very emotional when Rev Myers explained it was Chase Choral Society MD Derek Bailey's retirement concert after 35 years.

The audience and choirs raised the roof when they sang the old time war songs, and finished with flags flying singing Land of hope and Glory.

Mrs Stella Winfield Chase Choral Society

Good work carried out at graveyard

I WRITE to clarify the situation concerning the graveyard at St John's Church in Heath Hayes. Responsibility for the routine maintenance of the graveyard has been passed to Cannock Chase District Council and, during recent weeks, a lot of good work has been carried out.

This work has involved the cutting of grass, the cutting back of overhanging branches and bushes alongside the footpath, the repair of perimeter fencing, and the levelling of uneven ground with topsoil.

While this work was in progress, pedestrian access to the graveyard was restricted in the interests of public safety.

The graveyard itself is now closed to 'new' burials. This means that there is no space for new graves to be dug. However, relatives can be reassured that future burials will still be possible in family graves where space has already been reserved.

REV DR G WATKIN Vicar of Heath Hayes

Football match thanks

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Salon in the running for top award



Owners Rachel and Ian Morgan pictured with Rebecca Stevens, Pam Smith, Emily Slater and Kyra Shaw

STAFF at a Cannock clinic are celebrating being shortlisted for a top award.

Soul Care Aesthetics, in High Green, made it through to the finals of the Aesthetic Awards which attracts entries nationwide. The awards bring together the very best in medical aesthetics and leaders in the profession. Among

the 21 categories, Soul Care Aesthetics are in the running for best clinic.

The winners will be announced on December 6 at London's Park Plaza Hotel.

The salon is owned and run by Rachel Morgan and her husband, consultant heart surgeon Ian.

Pubs toast guide success

THREE Chase pubs have been named in the Campaign For Real Ale's Good Beer Guide.

The Linford Arms, High Green, Cannock, The Rag in Ironstone Road, Rawnsley and the Cross Keys, Hill Street, Hednesford – the local branch Pub of the Year – have all made it into the 42nd edition of the publication, known as the 'beer drinkers' bible'.

It was released in September ahead of national Cask Ale Week, which began on September 25.

The Good Beer guide 2015 features 4,500 pubs from around the country. Listings are comprised following evaluation from Camra members.

Tipples

Camra members are also raising a glass to the success of the first ever Cannock Chase Beer Festival.

More than 1,000 customers a selection of enjoyed 78 different tipples at the Prince of Wales Centre. Some £317 was also raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust

A Camra spokesman said: "During the Festival 38 people had such a good time that they decided to join Camra."

The venue has already been booked for the second Cannock Chase Camra Beer Festival which will take place from September 24 to 26 next year.

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Fans enjoy knockout night with ace Duran



Boxer Roberto Duran at Bar Sport displays his Hands of Stone with owner Scott Murray

HE had the nickname the Hands of Stone but former boxing great Roberto Duran showed his lighter side when he met fans in Cannock.

From his Sylvester Stallone impression to talking about his career, he proved a star turn at Bar Sport, despite his shaky English, which saw his daughter mainly speak on his behalf.

Duran clearly enjoyed himself in front of the packed room as fans came out in support despite him having never fought in the UK. The four

times would champion from Panama had a professional career record of 120 fights, 104 wins and 69 knockouts.

He spoke about meetings against Sugar Ray Leonard and Ken Buchanan during a series of questions from former WBC Super Middleweight Champion Richie Woodhall.

Rival

Duran was even handed a Wolves shirt to help him feel at home in the heart of the Midlands.

A film called hands of Stone is being released about the Panamanian next year. It features R&B star Usher as his

rival Sugar Ray and Robert De Niro as Duran's trainer Ray Arcel and will be released in late 2015.

The film is set during boxing's Golden Era, when Duran fought the likes of Leonard, Thomas Hearns, Marvin Hagler, Hector Camacho and Vinny Pazienza.

He held world titles at four different weights and was only the second boxer to have fought over a span of five decades, the first being Jack Johnson.

He finally retired in January 2002 at aged 50, having previously retired in 1998, following a bad car crash in October 2001.

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Birthday time at Age UK centre



Front, from left, Dora Dean, service manager Sylvia Dunn, team supervisor Karen Rogers, and Leslie Green. ONE of the first users at a day centre in Cannock helped to mark its first birthday. The Age UK South Staffordshire base marked its milestone complete with birthday cake.

The centre at Sir Julian House, Walsall Road, was launched 12 months ago and has gone from strength to strength. Its facilities for older people with dementia and complex needs are regularly filled five days a week. Dora

Dean, aged 86, of Norton Canes, was guest of honour and cut the cake. She regularly attends the centre and was one of the first through its doors.

Activities at the centre during the first year have included wartime themed afternoons, vintage teas and creative craft sessions. There have also been guest speakers, music, themed cookery demonstrations and family days.

Changes on child provision

COUNCIL chiefs insist doing nothing is not an option as they plan to close children centres across the county.

Staffordshire County Council has formally approved an eight week consultation for the shake-up of under-fives provision.

A total of 44 existing children centres would close under the Best Start proposals, with just 10 dedicated

bases kept by the authority. Cannock Chase's children's centre is expected to remain but Hednesford, Huntington and Norton Canes face being transferred to schools.

Benefit

Bosses stress it is not a cost-cutting measure. They say only a quarter of families benefit from the current early years service and at present just over half of youngsters are considered at a

good stage of development in their first school year.

Members of the council's ruling Cabinet last week approved a consultation period due to begin next month.

Councillor Mike Lawrence, for children's services, said: "The current approach isn't working.

"It is clear we need to change our approach radically. We must act and we must act now, doing nothing is not an option."

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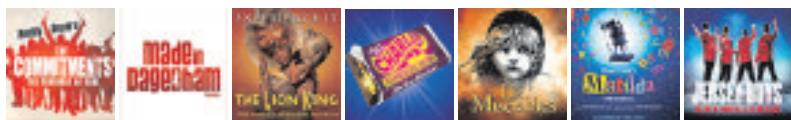
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Presenters step out for annual walk fundraiser

MORE than 1,100 people stepped out in the September sun for a fundraising Memory Walk.

The annual walk to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society has been hailed a great success after attracting almost double the number of people who took part last year.

It is estimated the day could raise more than £45,000.

Midlands News presenter Mary Rhodes, a supporter of the charity since 2009, officially kick-started the walk in the scenic forests of Cannock Chase.

She said: "I have done the walk a number of times and each year it gets bigger and bigger."

"It's an important issue and it's vital more people understand the condition and know more about how to support not just the person living with dementia but also their loved ones," she added.

Routine

Also there was Staffordshire-born comedian and They think It's All Over presenter Nick Hancock who warmed the crowd up with a stand-up routine before they set off.

He said: "What an incredible turnout. It's been fantastic making people laugh on such an emotional day and great to see so many walkers here supporting the work of the charity."

"I've met some very inspiring people and heard some moving stories."

The money raised will be used to support people living with dementia and their carers. It will also help the charity fund medical research to find new and improved treatments.

Sisters Sheena Mincher and Sue Tonks were walking in memory of



Nick Hancock with a participant



Mary Rhodes takes part in the walk



Smiles from these Memory Walk participants on Cannock Chase

their mother Edna Burns, who passed away with dementia. The pair are loyal supporters of the charity, having climbed Snowdon and completed a memory walk in 2012 at Dudley Zoo.

They were among hundreds of people to hang a message on the memory tree on Cannock Chase.

The Cannock Chase event is among dozens of similar memory walks taking place throughout the autumn.

Emily Woodward, the West Midlands community fundraiser, said: "The walk has been a great success. Once again we are thrilled to see the event grow and get better. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came down and made the day."

She said the walk was also aimed at raising awareness of the dementia which affects more than 73,000 people across the West Midlands.

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School lessons develop a thread



Kate Tattersall and Helen Southwell with the Year 4 youngsters from Chase View Primary and their tapestry YOUNGSTERS enjoyed their latest project sew much – a tapestry depicting the history of Rugeley.

The work, which was completed over two terms, has now been unveiled at Chase View Primary, in Hilary Crest.

The inspiration for the Year 4 pupils' work came from the study of the Bayeux Tapestry – which depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest and culminated in the Battle of Hastings.

Brereton-based Heritage Ltd of Rugeley donated the thread used to sew the tapestry. As well as spending time in class on the project, pupils were able to make the finishing touches at sewing club run by class teacher Kate Tattersall and Year 1 teaching assistant Helen Southwell.

Amelia Hopley, aged nine, said: "I have really enjoyed the sewing and it has inspired me to start sewing my own embroidery work at home."

Singers to take the mic in live showcase

A PENKRIDGE singer has made it through to the regional finals of the prestigious Open Mic UK singing competition.

Alison Atkins-Green will perform in a live showcase at Birmingham's NEC on October 4.

The 43-year-old found music to be her saving grace after losing her mother to breast cancer three years ago.

She suffered severe depression and gained weight. But with help from personal trainer Jordan Adams, a fellow singer who is also in the competition, she managed to lose the weight and find inspiration in singing.

Mother-of-two Alison runs a municipal vehicles business with her husband but also performs with the Lichfield-based Rock Choir and is working on recording her first album.

She sang Puccini's O Mio Babino Caro for her audition at the NEC. For the regional finals, hopefuls will compete for a place at the O2 Arena in London. The overall winner will receive £5,000 to



Singer Alison Atkins-Green spend on the development of their music career.

Singing postman Nathan Farrell has also made it through the regional finals. He will perform in the over-21s category at Manchester's Music Opera Theatre on October 5.

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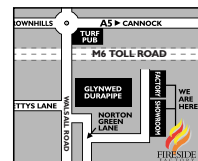


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Fears designer outlet will hit towns' trade

Tots play generation game



Joseph Owen, aged 10 months, has fun with his nan

CHILDREN at a Cannock nursery celebrated Grandparents Day last week.

The youngsters' nans and granddads were invited into Happy Tots, at Orbital Plaza, Bridgtown, for the day and they enjoyed afternoon tea together.

The little ones also enjoyed a host of fun activities in the run-up to the event, including painting portraits,

baking biscuits and making cards for their grandparents.

Happy Tots manager Kelly Boden said: "Grandparents loved coming into nursery and spending time with their little ones, and the children loved showing them all their favourite nursery toys."

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PLANS for a new designer outlet village in Cannock have been criticised amid concerns the scheme will draw shoppers away from town centres.

Ambitious proposals for the Mill Green development, off Lichfield Road, will see new lanes and slip roads added to the Eastern Way bypass as well as the layout of the roundabout near the Biffa waste site overhauled.

The plan is for a multi-screen cinema, restaurants and 130 shops.

But Cindy Faulkner, of Shaftesbury Drive, Hednesford, said if the scheme was given the green light it would scupper plans to generate trade in the three main town centres of the Chase and their outlying villages.

"I'm not in favour of this retail development," said Mrs Faulkner, aged 56.

"What we need at that site is a nice standard hotel with a good quality restaurant, and a spa to complement what we have already and boost tourism.

Struggling

"We need to do more to attract more visitors to the many, attractions in the Cannock Chase area.

"We have our museums, the independent shops, the forest, Go Ape! and Shugborough is also on our doorstep. We need something to pull in more tourists not a big retail park, because that would draw shoppers away from our struggling centres."

At a recent consultation event, residents appeared in favour of the plans by Rioja Developments, believing they were something the town and the area badly needed.

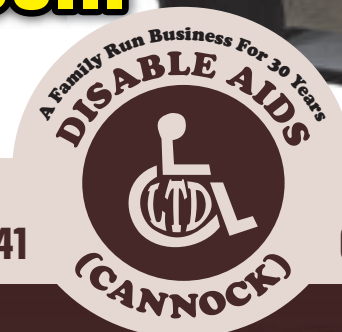
Under the plans there will also be a tourist information centre, a play park and new transport links between the train station, town centre and outlet village.

Big name retailers such as Superdry, Paul Smith and Ralph Lauren are likely to open stores at the site next to Mill Green Nature Reserve.

A 2,000-space car park is also included in the scheme - including a multi-storey.

Formal plans will be submitted to Cannock Chase District Council, which will have the final say, later this year.

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Lesley tells of 'making do' in war

Chase Terrace Ladies

SEPTEMBER'S guest speaker was Lesley Flint from the Museum of Cannock Chase who gave a talk on 'Make Do and Mend on the Home Front'.

Lesley is a museum educator and she came along to update the group the venue's current displays.

One Second World War display constantly amazes the local schoolchildren as it includes a section on make do and mend which is an alien concept to them.

She explains to them about patching clothes, darning socks and stockings and repairing shoes, showing them a last and explaining that if leather was not available even cardboard would do in an emergency!

Rationing is also detailed. It was introduced in January 1940 to stop people hoarding. Once you registered with a shop you had to obtain your supplies there.

It was introduced when the First World War broke out as well but not until the end of the war.

Clothing was rationed and there was a points system which ran from June 1941 to March 1949.

Recycling was also introduced and railings, saucepans, bone, metal and paper were all required.

Toys had to be made at Christmas and birthdays and a popular pastime was rag-rugging to use up scraps of material.

There was a coal shortage which led to the introduction of the Bevan boys.

People had Anderson shelters in their gardens and dad joined the Home Front if he could not join up to help the war effort.

Lesley jogged memories and made the ladies smile.

A 1970s view of women in police



President Dr Janis Lomas with speaker Cas Bailey

St Cannock & District

'If You Can't Stand the Heat, Get Out of the Kitchen' was the title of the talk by former police officer Cas Bailey.

Cas told the September speaker meeting of her life in the force in the 1970s. As a Police Cadet in Walsall she wasn't allowed to do the college course as she was already over qualified and as the only female Cadet, it made PT sessions something of a trial.

When she became an officer in Walsall she was the only woman on the shift, the same was almost true when she became Sergeant and was moved to Wolverhampton.

Life was different 45 years ago - remarks and actions now considered sexist, ageist and racist were the norm.

Cas told her stories with a light-hearted humour and a knowledge that mostly, no harm was meant by things that were said or done. Pat Preece gave the vote of thanks.

At The Barns, Huntington, on October 7, Mac Joseph will talk about the back-to-backs in Birmingham. Tickets are £13 and include a two-course meal. Call 07971 494510.

Historic buildings tucked away

Landor (Local History) Society

TIM Jones led a walk which viewed the historic buildings and sites along and close to Main Road Brereton from Ravenhill Park to the Red Lion and back.

Members were able to see buildings they may not have noticed before, when driving along the A51. Tucked away are the Railway Cottages which once stood alongside a line leading to Brereton Colliery.

There is the Old Free School built by Elizabeth Birch in 1838 for the education of 40 boys of poor parents living within three miles of Brereton and further on is the Methodist Church built in 1872 and the old Methodist School opened in December 1905.

Among the many interesting buildings

Tim pointed out were the Brereton House and Brereton Hall, both three-storey Grade II listed buildings.

The former was built shortly before 1772 for a Brereton landowner and malster, Andrew Birch. It was made into six flats in 1985.

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18 Maternity unit closure pledge

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THE downgrading of Stafford Hospital's maternity unit is only 'temporary', according to its incoming boss.

University Hospital of North Staffordshire chief executive Mark Hackett told council bosses that the move was still subject to a review ordered by the Prime Minister and the Health Secretary – and by no means permanent.

From January most mothers will have to travel to the University Hospital of North Staffordshire in Stoke to give birth – a round trip of nearly 40 miles.

"In an ideal world it would make sense for the review to be done first but the timing of that is not in my control," Mr Hackett told Staffordshire County Council's health scrutiny committee last week.

"Any move we make will be temporary. I am suggesting we need to act now because when the acute services move we will not be able to provide maternity services safely and I am not prepared to put any patients at risk."

Meanwhile, David Loughton, chief executive of the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital, which is taking control of Cannock Chase Hospital, said he had 'no desire' for people from Cannock to visit New Cross with minor injuries.

"The minor injuries unit, in my opinion, needs upgrading, and to do a lot more than it already does," he said.

"I have no desire for the people of Cannock to go to Wolverhampton with minor injuries. I am keen to stop."

Concerns over minor injuries opening hours plan

COUNCILLORS in Cannock have voiced their concerns at plans to reduce the opening hours at the town hospital's minor injuries unit.

Members of the district council's cabinet claim residents already struggle with getting appointments with their doctor.

They have written to the to the chief executive of Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group, Andrew Donald, to protest against the proposals as a public consultation takes place this month.

Doctors on the CCG had planned to shut

the unit in a bid to save £750,000. But under revised plans, the unit would open from 11am to 7pm to deal with injuries such as bumps, bruises and cuts instead of the current times from 8am until midnight.

In the letter, cabinet members say they are against the proposals because it will increase the current problem of timely access to primary care services in the district.

They said many residents struggled to secure appointments within a reasonable timescale at their GP practices. According to cabinet chiefs,

no service reductions should take place until a primary care access pilot has been undertaken, evaluated and demonstrated to have improved access for people with minor illnesses.

Council leader George Adamson said: "The council's cabinet will vigorously oppose the implementation of any decisions to reduce the level of service, including opening hours at the minor injuries unit in Cannock unless the issues identified are addressed in a meaningful and strategic manner by Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group."

Four ideas for change of name

FOUR possible suggestions are in contention for the new name of Stafford Hospital.

The County Hospital is the preferred choice, according to campaigners, with Coton Hill, Weston Road and Izaak Walton also under consideration.

Councillors say they are the concerned the favoured name makes the facility sound like a cottage hospital and feel it downgrades it further.

Hospital staff were asked in May for name suggestions as part of the shake-up of services. Bosses at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire say the word Stafford holds negative connotations and they also want to change the name to ease staff recruitment problems.

Chief executive of UHNS, Mark Hackett, said there was 'no question' the hospital's name was affecting the ability to take on enough new workers, adding: "We are going to have to change the names of the hospital in the trust because I don't think Stafford helps at all."

But Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "The County Hospital sounds like a proper downgrade of Stafford Hospital."

"It sounds like a throwback to the 1950s, like a cottage hospital. It's a shame as the name Stafford Hospital was held with a lot of affection by the people of Stafford."

Support Stafford Hospital campaigner Julian Porter said: "We are the county town in Staffordshire so we are pleased with the preferred name. It doesn't matter what it is called as long it delivers a good service."

Hospital makeover work starts

By Marion Brennan

WORK has begun on transforming part of Cannock Chase Hospital as it prepares for its relaunch as a centre for non-emergency surgery.

Builders have moved into the Brunswick Road site and began to demolish the interior. It is part of a programme to improve facilities for a wider intake of patients.

The Littleton ward has already gone.

District council leader George Adamson said: "It's good news. It will be fantastic to see the site fully used and providing a much-needed service."

"People will soon be able to rely on their operations taking place instead of having them cancelled at the last minute because of emergency admissions."

Cannock will take over routine operations, such as gall bladder surgery, hernia repair and

hip, knee and ankle surgery, from Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital. Shuttle buses will be used to ferry patients between the two sites.

Health chiefs hope the specialisation will lead to fewer operations being cancelled.

The number of theatres will increase from five to seven and two new wards will be built. Day treatment for endoscopy, rheumatology and dermatology is also moving to Cannock.

Work has started on the new endoscopy unit which will be situated in the former Littleton ward. Up to 10,000 patients who would have gone to New Cross could have their surgery or treatment provided at Cannock. Bosses estimate this is just under a quarter of the total number

of people who have inpatient and day case surgery in Wolverhampton each year.

Around 23,000 outpatients will also be seen, with the number of outpatients rooms set to double to 60 to accommodate the extra numbers.

Councillor Adamson said: "There is some new building going on but the hospital is only 24 years old so it is mainly a case of working on the interior, knocking down partitions, and so on."

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Praise for Cadets' trophy hat-trick

CIVIC dignitaries have praised a group of young squaddies after they notched up a hat-trick of awards.

Among the titles won by the Hednesford Army Cadets was the best detachment in Staffordshire.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson and town council chairman Alan Pearson congratulated the cadets on their achievement.

They won the Brenthall Bowl trophy, a county-wide award for the detachment with the most Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme passes. They were also awarded the Lucas Tooth Shield, for the best overall detachment in Staffordshire and the Blue Macaw Cup, a competition open to all Staffordshire detachments.

In praise, Councillor Adamson said: "Huge congratulations to Hednesford Army Cadets for their recent successes. The detachment plays an active part in the local community and I'd like to thank

them for their support for the district's First World War commemorations and their involvement in the recent Great War marches.

"Being an Army Cadet brings much more than military exercises and training. I am so impressed with the work of the Cadets, I will be awarding a grant to them out of my County Council Members Initiative Fund."

Presentations were also made to Lieutenant Matt Harris and Sergeant Paul Rutter, who are leaving the Hednesford detachment to move to Burton and company headquarters at Stafford respectively.

Under Officer Matt Easterbrook, said: "It's been an incredibly successful year for our detachment and I'm very proud of our Cadets, who really go above and beyond to get involved in the community."

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Hednesford Army Cadets with civic dignitaries and two of their awards

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THE story of the First World War as seen through the eyes of four Staffordshire Regiment men who served at the Western Front is told in a new book.

First Lines celebrates the words, deeds and lives of the soldiers whose letters are part of the archive of the Staffordshire Regiment Museum.

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The Accrington Pals pictured at Penkridge Bank Camp



The Pals on parade before heading out to Penkridge



The Accrington Pals' Village Pirates band: Courtesy of John Garwood



The officers' mess and parade ground at Penkridge Bank



The Post Office at Brocton camp

Long-lost Pals that are never forgotten

PENKRIDGE Bank Camp, more commonly known as Rugeley Camp, was one of two that were hastily thrown up on the Chase during the early days of the First World War, the other one being at Brocton.

During the early part of the conflict the sites were primarily used as transit camps to accommodate service battalions travelling towards the Western Front. They would provide the opportunity for soldiers to receive more training in preparation for the front line. In total, half a million men would pass through the two camps, building friendships which would last all the way to the front line – where many of them would die together.

Crucial to the makeshift settlements was the 'Tackeroo Express', a new railway line built across the Chase during the spring, linking Penkridge Bank to the London and North West Railways line from Cannock to Rugeley at a

MEMORY LANE

By Mark Andrews

new junction near West Cannock No.5 Colliery. A second new line was built serving Brocton Camp, where a locomotive shed was built, linking up with the LNWR line at Milford.

Battalions from the East Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Lancashire and Sherwood Forester regiments were all stationed in the area.

As the war progressed, there was a steady influx of battalions, including men of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade – who later made Cannock Chase its UK headquarters – and various schools of war were established.

Encouraged by army leaders, inter-battalion football tournaments were organised, and were taken very seriously. As the 12th, 13th and 14th Battalions of the York & Lancaster Regiment joined the Accrington Pals at Penkridge to form the 94th Infantry Brigade, mock battles and exercises

on a brigade level formed part of the training. The Pals' makeshift Village Pirates skiffle band captured the spirit of the day. But their youthful innocence became short-lived.

At the end of July, the Pals left Penkridge to make a recruiting march through its home towns in East Lancashire, moving then into huts at Ripon South Camp, in Yorkshire. At the start of 1916, they were deployed to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal from the threat of the Ottoman Empire, and their troop ship was narrowly missed by a torpedo.

But, approximately 700 men from the battalion went into action on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916: 235 were killed and 350 wounded in the space of around half an hour.

Having been effectively wiped out in a matter of minutes on the first day on the Somme, the Accrington Pals were brought back up to strength and served for the remainder of the war, moving to the 92nd Brigade of the 31st Division in February.



The Accrington Pals shortly before they headed out

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Zumbathon to help charity bloom



From left, instructors Amie, Kerry and Julie promote the charity zumbathon to take place in Burntwood next month

WOMEN are being urged to get physical with a charity zumbathon next month. It takes place in Burntwood on Sunday, October 12 for Violets In Bloom, a charity founded by Kerry and Ivan Mornington following the death of their five-year-old daughter last July.

The three-hour fitness party starts at St Matthews Sports & Social Club, in St Matthews Road at 10am and will be led by qualified instructors Julie Gough, Jackie Goodwin and Amie Payre. Money raised will go towards

a children's memorial garden they plan to create. It aims to help bereaved parents and their families by providing a place of sanctuary and peace where they can connect to the children they have lost. It is hoped that the enough can be raised for the garden to be opened in summer 2015.

"It's a great opportunity for people to have fun, get fit and also help us raise funds for the garden," said Kerry.

Registration Fee is £5 plus a 95p booking fee. E-mail: info@violetsinbloom.org

Jobs saved in stores deal

THE jobs of more than 50 Phones 4U staff in the Black Country and South Staffordshire have been saved after EE and Vodafone stepped into buy some of the stores.

EE is to buy 58 Phones 4U stores in a £2.5 million deal, saving more than 350 jobs. The agreement with administrator PwC comes after Vodafone said it would buy 140 stores, safeguarding 887 jobs.

EE is buying stores in Walsall, where seven people are employed, at

West Bromwich, which is home to five workers, and at Bilston, which has six staff. It has also taken on stores in Birmingham Bull Ring, Acocks Green and Northfield, where another 27 work.

Vodafone is taking stores in Wolverhampton, which has 21 staff, at Stourbridge, which boasts five employees and at Cannock, where eight people work, along with two in Birmingham employing 43.

The Hedsnesford Phones 4U store, at Victoria Shopping Park, will be among those closing.

The collapse of Phones 4U, which went into administration following

EE's decision not to renew its contract, affected 5,600 workers at 560 stores and a further 160 concession outlets. Dixons Carphone has already said it will take on the 800 staff who worked at 160 Phones 4U sites within Currys/PC World stores.

With buyers only interested in the store estate, PwC has restructured the Phones 4U Newcastle-under-Lyme offices in order to cut costs. This resulted in 628 redundancies among head office and telesales staff. There are still 3,000 jobs and more than 300 stores at risk following the deals with Vodafone, EE and Dixons Carphone.

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Lotto award for brave Stephen

INSPIRATIONAL teenager Stephen Sutton has received a posthumous honour in the National Lottery Awards for his fund-raising efforts.

The 19-year-old from Burntwood, who died in May from bowel cancer, was honoured with a special achievement award for his work in the Good Gestures Campaign.

Stephen captured the hearts of the nation with his battle against terminal illness and raised £5 million for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

His efforts were recognised at the national awards, which were broadcast on the BBC last Friday night.

His mother Jane said: "Good Gestures Day was so close to his heart as it embraced the values of volunteering, learning, positivity, team work and friendship."

Of the money raised through Stephen, around £2.9 million will be invested in developing the charity's units across seven cities and a further £1.2 million on training cancer nurses and support staff.

Payout for family over death as hospital admits liability

A BURNTWOOD pensioner died after a vein was torn in a botched operation that doctors failed to diagnose until the following day.

The hospital has now admitted its mistakes and that it breached its duty of care to the 85-year-old. It has agreed to pay her family a five-figure sum as compensation.

Her daughters have called on Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, to improve services for the elderly after she suffered months of agony before her death.

Expert evidence commissioned by medical negligence lawyers at Irwin Mitchell found there was a two-month delay in Mrs Sanders having surgery to treat colovesical fistula – a condition which affects the colon and the bladder causing pain and infection. It also discovered when she

By Laura Blyth

did have keyhole surgery to treat the problem, it was performed negligently causing a tear to the ovarian vein.

It was not until the following day that doctors diagnosed her deteriorating condition as being linked to the tear and despite further surgery, she died a week later in March 2011.

Mrs Sanders' daughters Linda Ward and Sandra Neal say they remain 'deeply concerned' by standards within the trust and said lessons must be learned.

The trust was placed in special measures by the Care Quality Commission last year as part of a review into death rates at a number of hospitals across the country. Mrs Ward, aged 61, from

Hednesford, said: "We remain devastated by the loss of our mum – it was extremely difficult to see her suffer like she did.

"She was in absolute agony for weeks but there seemed to be no hurry to try and help her.

"My mum did not receive an acceptable level of care and it is simply not good enough.

"Mum was vulnerable and elderly and should have been treated with compassion and integrity but we saw none of that and it is heartbreaking to think of how she suffered."

Dr Craig Stenhouse, medical director at the trust, said "This is an extremely sad case and we are truly sorry that the care and treatment given to Mrs Sanders was not of the standard that our patients deserve.

"We completely accept that the quality of care provided was inadequate and we have taken immediate action to make changes."

1,000 have say on crime survey

MORE than 1,000 people have had their say on how police should tackle low level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis is asking people what they think through a community remedy survey.

By responding, people can help shape a new list of actions that officers can use to deal with those who engage in low-level crime and anti-social behaviour, without driving them into the criminal justice system. Mr Ellis says these options will save time and money, give the perpetrator an opportunity to put things right for victims and communities, and give them the chance to turn their life around.

He said: "The best way of preventing crime is to intervene sooner to stop people re-offending.

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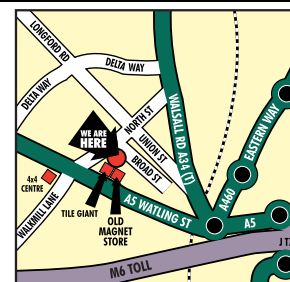
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Autumn Newsletter

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Save the Date!

Meetings

1st October
5th November
3rd December
7th January
4th February
4th March

Location

These meetings will be held at Heath Hayes Library, commencing at 7.30pm

Coming up

9th November - Remembrance Day
January - Grants, Budget and Precept

Local News

This section covers events and information about what is going on in Heath Hayes and Wimblebury.

Best Kept Village Competition 2015

We enter the competition to promote community pride and to improve the area. We use the project to push for repairs to bus shelters and phone kiosks. We also invite the local schools to take part in the countryside poster competition. We have entered for the last three years and have received many favourable comments from the judges.



Our Green Policies

We were the first Parish Council in the country to be awarded 'Green Achiever' status.

- The Hayes Green Centre has a high efficiency boiler, is well insulated, timed sensor lights and thermostats on radiators.
- We promote recycling and have information on our notice boards and website.
- We send all documents, report and mail by email if possible. All Christmas cards are sent electronically at no cost to the Council.
- The prize money for last year's Christmas Lights Competition was payment towards insulation or energy saving equipment.
- The Clerk uses an electric cycle (50 miles on 4p charge) for work wherever possible.



Clerk, Ray Smythe - Here to help you

I have been the Clerk for Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Council since 1995 and I am very proud to be with a hardworking and forward looking Council.

If there is anything the Council can help you with, please contact me or any other Councillor. Residents are welcome at any and all meetings.

Clerks meeting at Reading, Berkshire



Clerk, Ray Smythe inducted as a Certified Municipal Clerk, the first in the UK.



Remembrance Day

The Council is again assisting with the arrangements and we want to help to ensure that the event is safe, enjoyable and respectful. We would welcome any volunteer marshalls that could assist on the day for a maximum of two hours. Please contact the Clerk for details.

This year, the event will be held on Sunday 9th November and will commence with assembly at the Heath Hayes Constitutional Club at 9.30am. There will be a church service at the Bourne Methodist Church at 10.00am and then a walk to Five Ways Island, where there will be a reading of the names of the fallen, the placing of wreaths and a silence at 11.00am.

Can we please ask that everyone is aware of other road users and please keep off the Five Ways Island, even if the traffic has been stopped.



Hayes Green Community Centre and Heath Hayes Cabin

The Hayes Green Community Centre is available for hire on some Thursday evenings and weekends. It can be hired for parties or events and has recently been re-decorated to a high standard.

Monday to Friday during the day, the Stepping Stones Nursery is in operation. Monday evening yoga. Tuesday Zumba, Wednesday Cannock Chase Drum Corps, Friday Meiji Judo and Saturday morning Drama Class.

Please see our website www.hhwpc.co.uk for other events.

The Heath Hayes Cabin is on the Hednesford Road car park next to The Talbot. It is 60' x 12' and has a meeting room, kitchen, toilets and disabled facilities.



It is available for hire and there is daytime availability through the week.

Wimblebury War Memorial

There will be a service and silence at the Memorial on Sunday 2nd November.

Starting this year, the Council has arranged for an additional Remembrance event in Wimblebury. This will be to remember those who served, male and female. You are invited to meet at 10.45am, for a service and silence at 11.00am.



Local News Issues

Kristian Thomas

The Council was pleased to meet local resident Kristian Thomas and to congratulate him on his recent success in captaining the England gymnastic Team to win the Team Gold at the Commonwealth Games.



Community First Responders

Congratulations to the new volunteers for the Community First Responder Team on passing their initial training. These volunteers (pictured) make a valuable contribution to public safety in the area. Paul Dadge (pictured) from the CFR came to the September meeting to demonstrate the use of defibrillators to the Council.



Chair of the Council

Cllr John Bernard is serving his third year as Chair of the Council. He is also a District Councillor. He was elected as Chair of the Council in 2011 and re-elected this year.

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Sailors take to water in record-breaking bid



Chris White and Nicola Booth, of Penkridge, take part in the event at South Staffordshire Sailing Club

AROUND 60 sailors took part in a world record attempt in a bid to raise money in memory of a British Olympic champion.

South Staffordshire Sailing Club at Gailey was one of 750 clubs around the world participating in a simultaneous race as part of the inaugural Bart's Bash.

It was organised by the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, set up to promote youth sailing.

It is named in honour of Andrew 'Bart' Simpson who died when his catamaran capsized in San Francisco Bay while he trained for the America's Cup. He had won

an Olympic gold at Beijing 2008 and silver at London 2012.

In all 14,000 sailors from around 65 countries took part with the aim of breaking the largest sailing race in 24 hours at multiple venues. More than £500 was raised at South Staffordshire Sailing Club and more than £120,000 worldwide.

Organiser Neil Hawkins said: "There were people from as young as eight involved in the race which was on a five-mile course around Gailey Reservoir."

"There were 33 boats out on the water and their times were recorded and sent to the foundation and then we'll see who is the overall winner."



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This Royal Blood rock debut is exhilarating

THE self-titled debut album from Brighton duo **Royal Blood** is already being hailed as the rock album of the year after it shot into the album chart at no1, a rare feat for a previously unknown band.

Just a few months ago Royal Blood were third on the bill when the NME tour rolled into Birmingham but when they go back to Digbeth venue The Institute on November 4 it will be sold out.

For two musicians, drummer Ben Thatcher and singer/bassist Mike Kerr, they make a mighty big sound. Various effects make Kerr's bass sound like a wall of guitars and Thatcher's piston-like precision percussion is unrelenting.

Comparisons have been made with The White Stripes and Queens of the Stone Age, and they stand up, but there are hints also of Muse in their clattering drama and of Black Rebel Motorcycle Club in their hazy hard riffing with a blues swagger.

The Jack White/blues influence is most apparent on Figure It Out with its guitar stomp. Blood Hands and Careless takes things to a classic rock level that may persuade Led Zep fans to cock an ear (it is said that Jimmy Page is already a fan).

Royal Blood's debut is not perfect, the stop-start grunginess is sometimes repetitive, but it certainly is exhilarating and indicates a major new act on the rock scene. **Leon Burakowski**



Royal Blood — dynamic duo's powerhouse rock has seen their debut top the chart

Lots of famous voices for superstar Streisand duets

LIVING legend **Barbra Streisand** is back with an album of all-star duets that is as classy as it is safe.

The 17 tracks on Partners include artists of the calibre of Michael Buble, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, Andrea Bocelli and Barry Manilow. They also include duets with the dead, Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, and I don't think these cut and paste jobs every hit home however skillfully put together.

Such is Streisand's status that several of the songs are standards that she has already put her stamp upon. These include The Way We Were, with Lionel Ritchie, Guilty with Barry Gibb and Evergreen with Babyface, the R&B hitmaker being the only one to duet twice — probably because he is Barbra's producer here.

The ones that work best are those with a contrast, such as her duet with rocker Bryan Adams on I Finally Found Someone and with the bluesy John Mayer on Come Rain Or Come Shine. And why not an all-female duet?

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Amy Winehouse, Katie Melua or Paloma Faith, then check out singer-songwriter **Lucinda Belle**, a former Robbie Williams backing singer who has made an impressive debut entitled Think Big: Like Me.

Her styles range from up-tempo 50s style popular jazz such as Nothing Left To Do But Smile to the darkly beautiful, Wicked Game-like ballad My Only Lament, co-written with Ed Harcourt.

For the real deal, I warmly recommend compilation **Mid Century Minx**, a primer to the more obscure female jazz singers of the 50s and early 60s for 20 gems of laid-back cocktail hour jazz. While some of these singers are reasonably well known, such as Anita O'Day, Jo Stafford and Jeri Southern, there are lots of discoveries to be made, from the smooth allure of Irene Kral to the girlish tones of Beverley Kenney. **LB**

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Witness appeal after rider dies in collision



Karen Morgan, aged 55, of Hamstall Rdware, who died in the crash

A FEMALE motorcyclist died following a horror smash involving her motorcycle and two cars in Cannock.

Emergency services were called to the A5 Watling Street between Churchbridge and Norton Canes at around 1pm on Saturday.

The 55-year-old woman, later named as Karen Morgan, of Hamstall Rdware, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her family said in a statement: "She was an amazing woman who was loved by everyone who knew her."

Specially trained police officers have been supporting her family.

The crash forced emergency services to close the road.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokeswoman Claire Brown said: "When the first ambulance crew arrived they found a woman who had come off her motorcycle following a collision with a car."

Efforts

"The woman was unconscious and in a serious condition. Sadly, the woman went into cardiac arrest. Despite their best efforts, nothing could be done to save her and she was confirmed dead on scene a short time later."

The ambulance service said the male driver of one of the cars was assessed by crews before being taken to Walsall Manor Hospital with minor injuries.

One woman, who didn't wish to be named, had been walking her dogs shortly after the crash happened.

She said: "The road was closed off and there were paramedics treating a woman in the road. It is such sad news."

A neighbour added: "It is a shock to hear to someone has died."

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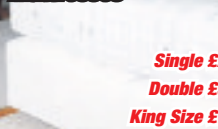
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The final excursion takes in the beautiful coastal region of the Minho including the seaside town of Viana do Castelo and its Basilica de Santa Lucia offering wonderful views over the surrounding area. Caminha, a delightful little town with an old quarter and picturesque square, plus the ancient border town of Valença do Minho, are also on the itinerary for this tour.

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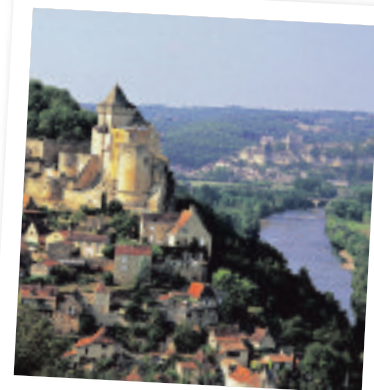
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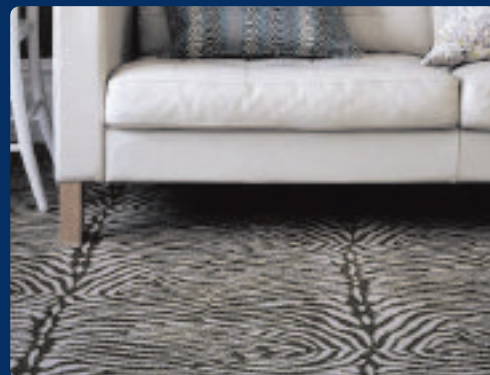
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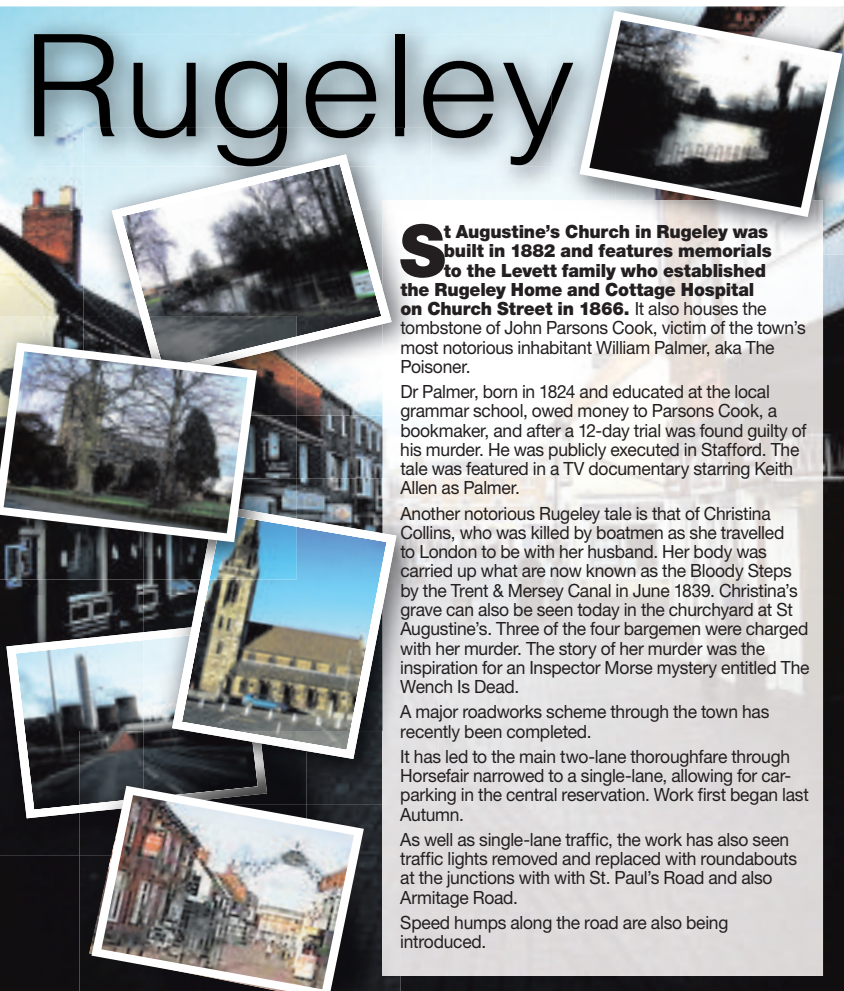
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Dr Palmer, born in 1824 and educated at the local grammar school, owed money to Parsons Cook, a bookmaker, and after a 12-day trial was found guilty of his murder. He was publicly executed in Stafford. The tale was featured in a TV documentary starring Keith Allen as Palmer.

Another notorious Rugeley tale is that of Christina Collins, who was killed by boatmen as she travelled to London to be with her husband. Her body was carried up what are now known as the Bloody Steps by the Trent & Mersey Canal in June 1839. Christina's grave can also be seen today in the churchyard at St Augustine's. Three of the four bargemen were charged with her murder. The story of her murder was the inspiration for an Inspector Morse mystery entitled The Wench Is Dead.

A major roadworks scheme through the town has recently been completed.

It has led to the main two-lane thoroughfare through Horsefair narrowed to a single-lane, allowing for car-parking in the central reservation. Work first began last Autumn.

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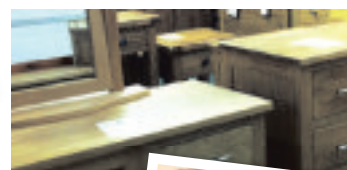
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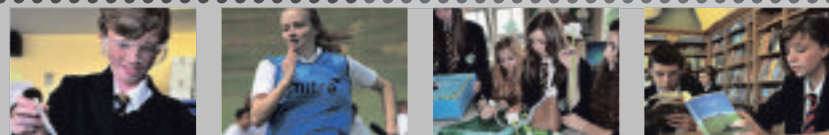
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On Thursday, October 16, the school, in Dove Bank, Uttoxeter, hosts a Sixth Form Information Evening from 7pm - an evening for all students considering Thomas Alleyne's for September 2015. Headteacher Mrs Rudge, who was appointed in February says the school's vision is that all students experience excellence in every aspect of their education.

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"As the new headteacher of I would like to be able to share with you all that Thomas Alleyne's has to offer students," she said.

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"Across the country, provisional results indicate 62% of students achieved a grade C in English and

Maths this year and yet at Thomas Alleyne's this figure was 74 per cent in English and 75 per cent in Maths: a performance of which we are proud."

She added: "Always reflective, we are working hard to continue to improve on all that we do to ensure that your son/daughter receives the very best in terms of academic provision and personal development so that they are well placed to make a success of their next move in education or to employment.

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Cathy continued: "Singing is good for you in so many ways - for learning, for well-being and for personal development. But above all, singing makes you feel good, like you've got a spring in your step. Improving your sense of well-being decreases stress and increases self-esteem."

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revamp at the park following a £2.2million Heritage Lottery Fund grant in December 2012.

New tennis courts have already been installed and other areas will be revamped, including new and relocated play areas and outdoor gym, extensive planting, increased parking and more. New footpaths are also being created and the railings around the park's war memorial will

be repaired. Work to extend the pavilion at the site to two-storeys, featuring a community room, balcony and ground floor café, will start in the next few months and about 30 extra spaces are being added at the car park.

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The pithead buildings, the bath house, the lamp room complex, some included and have been refurbished and sub-divided as the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre.

The cost of providing the Enterprise Centre (including the land purchase and the consultant's fees) was in excess of £1m. The funding was provided by the Department of the Environment through the Derelict Land Grant. This was an innovative use of the Derelict Land Grant which was more traditionally used for earth moving and demolition. The grant was negotiated by County Council Officers on the basis that an amount equivalent to the national demolition costs could be spent on refurbishment works. Funding was also given towards the repair of drains, on-site roads and some off-site services. The Centre also received financial support from British Coal Enterprises Ltd. through the Regional Manager John Dutton.

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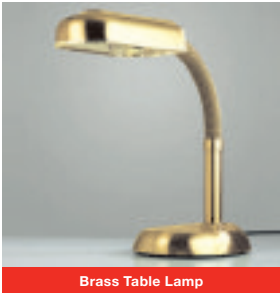
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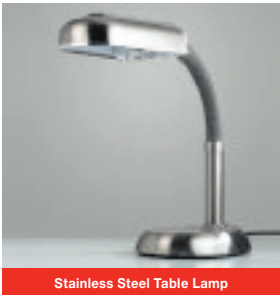
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Review

Ian Pittaway & Billie Spakemon
Newhampton Folk Club
 THE autumn season of the Newhampton Folk Club kicked off with two very different acts sharing the bill upstairs in the Newhampton Inn, Whitmore Reans.

Billie Spakemon, a storyteller and singer from Oldbury, is passionate about the Black Country dialect — so much so he has a PhD in it and speaks at international conferences.

When you get someone such as Spakemon who is proud of the local tongue, it takes on a new life and a kind of magic happens where you reconnect to terms such 'jed', meaning dead, and 'fittle', food. His stories and songs covered murder, wife selling, love, courtship and parenthood.

In contrast was Ian Pittaway who specialises in mediaeval and renaissance music which he plays on two beautifully crafted lutes. The music he expertly plays are as authentic as you can get without a time machine to take you back to the 16th century.

His gentle and precise skill on the instruments is impressive to watch. The sound he produces is the sort of music which the likes of Shakespeare would have listened to.

Both performances were unplugged which meant they were fighting against the sound of the Oxfam festival downstairs, and while it didn't spoil the show, the loud music was intrusive.

Danny Farragher

It's no longer a labour of love as brothers row over UB40 name

You'll want more of this show

ONE of the best loved musicals is returning to Wolverhampton next month. Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* is based on the classic novel by Charles Dickens about the adventures of orphan Oliver Twist in 19th century London.

Oliver! is staged at the Grand Theatre from October 14 to 18 in a production by South Staffs Musical Theatre Company. It features such memorable songs as Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, As Long As He Needs Me and I'd Do Anything.

Mike Thomas, of Albrighton, will play Fagin while James Collins, a teacher at Smestow School, plays nasty Bill Sykes. Office worker Lexie Bennett, of Upper Gornal, makes her company debut as Nancy. The title role will be shared by James Shaw, aged nine, from Brewood, and 12-year-old Ben Sidaway, of Stourport. Call the box office on 01902 429212.



Lexie Bennett as Nancy and James Collins as Bill Sykes with his dog Bullseye

Ali Campbell and brother Duncan are the Cain and Abel of reggae.

Both front bands called UB40. Confused? You should be. So's Ali — and he helped create the band and sang with them for more than 30 years, selling 70 million records including hits like Kingston Town and Red, Red Wine, among many others.

Trouble is, there are now two bands using the name UB40. There's Ali, Mickey and Astro, then there's the rest of the guys.

Following a sold out gig at Birmingham O2 Academy on December 19, Ali's UB40 will line up at Birmingham's NIA on April 17 next year — though they might have changed their name by then.

He said: "The thing is, there's a lot of confusion and we want to clear it up."

"When me, Astro and Mike go out, I make sure the fans know they are coming to see me. We call the show The Legendary Voice of UB40, or Ali Campbell's UB40."

"The other guys are accusing me of 'passing off', which means I'm pretending to be UB40. But I'm the one who started the band. I think it's hilarious."

The matter is heading to court and Ali's been served with a writ, urging him to cease and desist from using the name UB40.

"I was forced into leaving because of all sorts of issues. I'd had enough. The next



Ali Campbell — on the road

thing I know my brother, Duncan, has joined the band. It's proper Cain and Abel stuff. I haven't spoken to any of them. It stresses me out."

There are, of course, two sides to every story and 'the other' UB40 have pinned the blame on Ali.

Meanwhile Ali's doing what he does best, he's taking to the road to sing.

"This year, we're off to Australia, New Zealand, Africa, India and the USA. We don't want anything to stop us," he said.

Andy Richardson

Wouldn't it be good to see Nik?

PRIME gigs this week include 1980s hit-maker Nik Kershaw at Bilston's Robin 2 tonight and American singer-songwriter James Taylor at the LG Arena tomorrow.

Steve Craddock of Birmingham's Ocean Colour Scene is at Wolverhampton venue The Slade Rooms on Saturday, same night as The Busbys' charity bash at Robin 2. Mancunians 1975 have sold out their Wolverhampton Civic gig on Monday, the same night The Horrors play The Institute in Digbeth.

The highly-rated Nell Bryden, last seen in Wolverhampton supporting Gary Barlow, is at the Robin 2 on Wednesday, the same night The Sunshine Underground play the Slade Rooms.

Comedy nights at city venues

IT is comedy all the way in Wolverhampton over the next week. Dave Gorman brings his Work In Progress to the Slade Rooms for two nights, on Monday and Tuesday, then one of Ireland's favourite comics, Tommy Tiernan, on Thursday, October 2.

Also coming up are radical comic Andy Zaltzman on Saturday, October 4, and Edinburgh Festival success Peter Johansson on October 9.

Meanwhile, Michael Palin will be talking about Python and his globe-trotting adventures in Travelling To Work at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday.

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Doctor Who (BBC1, 8.30pm)
The Time Lord's companions have always lived double lives – one involving their friends and family, usually on Earth, with the other focusing on travelling through time and space saving the universe with their alien best buddy. Clara thinks this arrangement suits her just fine – after all, what could be better than gallivanting with the Gallifreyan one minute, and then settling down to watch telly with her new boyfriend the next? But when terrifying events threaten Coal Hill, the last thing she needs is for the school to welcome a relief caretaker with a Scottish accent – especially as it means he may finally come face to face with Danny. Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi, Jenna Coleman and Samuel Anderson.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Sailing: World Championship Highlights. 2.00 Live Cycling: Road World Championships. The women's road race. 4.00 Final Score. 5.20 Celebrity Mix. 5.30 Final. (R) 5.50 BBC News: Regional News. 6.05 **Pointless Celebrities.** With famous faces from the world of theatre – Simon Callow, Imogen Stubbs, Lysette Anthony, Christopher Timothy, Gwen Taylor, Keith Barron, Claire Sweeney and Simon Shepherd. 7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Following last night's first live edition, in which the first six celebrity hoofers made their dance-floor debuts – not counting the group number they all exuberantly threw themselves into in the launch show earlier this month – Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman introduce the nine celebrities who have been patiently waiting in the wings, ready to show off what they've learned in the rehearsal room – or not, in the case of any potential John Sergeant and Mo'Namlams. With no public vote or elimination this weekend, the scores given by judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are carried over to next week, when the first couple will leave the competition. To paraphrase Tess and Claudia – it's time to "geeeeeneee dancing!". 8.30 **Doctor Who.** The Time Lord goes undercover as a caretaker at Coal Hill School when a new threat emerges – and before long, he comes face to face with Clara's boyfriend Danny Pink. 9.15 **Casualty.** A wedding ends in disaster when the floor collapses. Max tries to win over a teenage girl suffering abdominal pains, and a lady suspects a patient is a victim of domestic abuse. 10.05 **The National Lottery Live.** The numbers are revealed for the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball draws. 10.15 **BBC News:** Weather. 10.30 **Match of the Day:** National Lottery Update. 12.05 **The Football League Show.** 1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Film: Magnificent Doll. (1946) 7.45 **Film:** The Island at the Top of the World. (1974) 9.15 **The Trials of Life.** (R) 10.10 **The Trials of Life.** (R) 11.00 **Map Man.** (R) 11.30 **South Africa Walks.** (R) 12.00 **Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers: Talking Pictures.** (R) 12.50 **Film:** Swing Time. (1936) Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. 2.30 **Film:** Strictly Ballroom. (1992) Australian dance comedy, starring Paul Mercurio. 4.00 **Live Cycling:** Road World Championships. 5.00 **The £100K House:** Tricks of the Trade. (R) 6.00 **Restoring England's Heritage.** 6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don meets world-renowned garden designer Piet Oudolf at his latest creation in Somerset, where he explains how viewers can adapt the Dutchman's style for their own gardens. (R) 7.00 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The experts offer advice on buying and selling military memorabilia and presenter Paul Martin explores the issues surrounding collecting antique firearms. 7.30 **Hilary Mantel: Case Histories.** The author chats to James Runcie about the final part of her Thomas Cromwell trilogy and the assassination of Margaret Thatcher, her new collection of short stories. 8.00 **Dad's Army.** Corporal Jones misplaces £500 donated by local shopkeepers to provide a new canteen for servicemen, so the platoon tries to help him remember where he put it. (R) 8.30 **Golf: The Ryder Cup.** Hazel Irvine and Dan Walker present highlights of day two from the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, where the 40th staging of the biennial contest between teams from the USA and Europe continued with more fourballs and foursomes matches. With commentary and analysis by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter, Mark James, Phil Parkin, Maureen Madill, Scott Drummond, Rishi Persad and Russell Fuller. 10.30 **Film: Man in the Hat.** (2011) Premiere. An executive dismissed from an investment bank leaks news of an impending crisis, which soon spreads throughout the company. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Paul Bettany. 12.10 **TOTP2.** (R) 1.10 **Film:** X the Unknown. (1956) 2.30 **This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 **Pat and Stan.** (R) 6.40 **Dino Dan.** (R) 6.50 **Dino Dan.** (R) 7.05 **Animals.** (R) 7.10 **Animals.** (R) 7.20 **Om Nom Stories.** (R) 7.25 **Sooty.** (R) 7.40 **Mr Bean:** The Animated Series. (R) 7.55 **Matt Hatter Chronicles.** 8.15 **Nerds & Monsters.** (R) 8.30 **Munch Box.** 9.25 **The Hungry Sailors.** (R) 10.25 **Murder.** She Wrote. (R) 11.25 **ITV News: Weather.** 11.30 **Film:** The Mirror Crack'd. (1980) 1.35 **The X Factor.** (R) 2.35 **Film:** Field of Dreams. (1989) Baseball fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. 4.30 **The X Factor.** (R) 5.35 **Off Their Rockers.** (R) 6.05 **Regional Programme:** Weather. 6.15 **ITV News:** Weather. 6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** New series. Harry Hill narrates the comical clips show, featuring trouble in church, a grandmother taking on a fire engine, a dog stealing a smartphone and a breakfast surprise. 7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Emmerdale's Natalie Anderson (Alicia Metcalfe), actress Patsy Kensit, broadcaster Esther Rantzen and singer-presenter Brian McFadden compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trivia experts in a test of their general knowledge. However, they must work as a team to build their prize pot and stay one step ahead of the Chaser. 8.00 **The X Factor.** The six-chair challenge continues in the second of three boot-camp shows, as the hopefuls battle it out for the chance to win a record deal. The stakes are high as the acts perform individually to win a seat – each one representing a place at the judges' houses stage of the competition, but nobody is safe until the last person in each category has sung. 9.20 **Through the Keyhole.** Craig Charles, Fearnie Cotton and Dave Berry make up this week's panel as Keith Lemon tours mystery properties and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous homeowners. 10.20 **ITV News:** Weather. 10.35 **Film: Shaun of the Dead.** (2004) Comedy horror, with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. 12.25 **Jackpot247.** 3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) 3.40 **ITV** Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 **Trans: The Big Day Out.** (R) 6.55 **The Morning Line.** 9.00 **Weekend Kitchen.** 10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) 11.30 **Fraser.** (R) 11.00 **Fraser.** (R) 11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) 12.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) 12.30 **The Simpsons.** (R) 1.00 **Gadget Man.** (R) 1.30 **Channel 4** Record Live coverage of races at Newmarket and Market Rasen. 4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** (R) 4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** (R) 5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** (R) 5.45 **Come Dine with Me.** (R) 6.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Francesca Saynor hosts the final dinner party in Wakefield and hopes that her simple menu and back-to-school theme will impress her guests. (R) 6.45 **Channel 4 News.** 7.15 **Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money.** In Bow Brickhill near Milton Keynes, a couple want to add more space to their tiny cottage, while in Cardiff, plans are made for a huge wraparound extension to a three-bed house. (R) 8.10 **Grand Designs.** Architect Patrick Bradley has come up with an unusual £100,000 house design built out of four 45ft shipping containers, welded together to form a giant cross and cantilevered over the top of a stream on the family farm in Co Derry. His mother is hoping the new home will help her son find a girlfriend, but the small budget and tight schedule soon pose problems. Kevin McCloud follows his progress. (R) 9.15 **Film: End of Watch.** (2012) Premiere. Two Los Angeles cops make their regular patrol of the city, dealing with petty offences while on records their lives on camera for a documentary project. The officers end up in over their heads when they stumble on evidence that could bring down a drug cartel, putting them squarely in the gang's firing line. Crime thriller, with Jake Gyllenhaal. 11.25 **Rude Tube.** Alex Zane presents a countdown of 50 viral clips of merry mishaps, including a parallel parking fail marathon and the infamous Weststone Raider. (R) 12.25 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** (R) 1.20 **Film: Rod Rod.** (2007) 2.50 **Homeland.** (R) 3.40 **Hollyoaks.** 5.50 **NFL: Rush Zone.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 **Access.** 10.10 **Never Teach Your Wife to Drive.** (R) 11.10 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R) 12.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R) 1.10 **Storage: Flog the Lott!** (R) 2.15 **Film: Cromwell.** (1970) Historical drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. 5.00 **Film: The Long Ships.** (1963) Viking adventure, starring Richard Widmark and Sidney Poitier. 7.30 **5 News Weekend.** 7.35 **World War II in Colour.** By the end of June 1940, German forces controlled Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France, with Britain defiant but bloodied after the retreat from Dunkirk and in no state to take on the all-conquering Nazi war machine. However, Britain still had a powerful navy and some of the finest fighter planes ever built and had also made two powerful technological breakthroughs – radar and the cracking of the German Enigma code – that would give it a vital edge in the Battle of Britain. Prime minister Winston Churchill then began the fightback, with commando raids and help for the resistance in occupied Europe. (R) 8.30 **Film: The Patriot.** (2000) A retired soldier takes up arms once more to avenge the unprovoked murder of his son at the hands of the British during the American War of Independence – and finds himself up against a sadistic officer wreaking havoc in the surrounding area. Roland Emmerich's action adventure, starring Mel Gibson, Jason Isaacs, Heath Ledger and Joely Richardson. (R) 11.35 **Lost Heroes of World War One.** The course of the conflict through archived interviews with those who lived through it. As war is declared, a patriotic fervour sweeps through the nation. Narrated by Dougray Scott. (R) 12.00 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lucky chat from the presenting team. 3.10 **Age Gap Love: He's 70, She's 37.** Conclusion of the two-part documentary featuring people in relationships with much younger partners, including a woman who fell in love with her father's friend. (R) 4.00 **House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R) 4.25 **Make It Fly.** (R) 5.20 **Age Gap Love: He's 70, She's 37.** Conclusion of the two-part documentary featuring people in relationships with much younger partners, including a woman who fell in love with her father's friend. (R) 4.00 **House Doctor.** A couple from Milton Keynes hope to move to France. (R) 4.25 **Make It Fly.** (R) 5.20 **Age Gap Love: He's 70, She's 37.** Conclusion of the two-part documentary featuring people in relationships with much younger partners, including a woman who fell in love with her father's friend. 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CHOICE



Lacey Turner

Our Girl
(BBC1, 9pm)

Molly seems to be settling into life in Afghanistan with surprising ease, as she even strikes up a rapport with a little girl named Bashira. However, not everyone is convinced their bond is a good thing, as Captain James advises the medic against becoming too involved with the locals. His words cause Molly to question Bashira's motives for befriending her, but when the youngster lets slip some vital information about the insurgency, the entire platoon has no choice but to embark on a potentially explosive mission. It looks as if Captain James's warning could come back to haunt Molly as she realises she's placed her own life and that of Bashira in danger. Lacey Turner, Ben Aldridge and Iwan Rheon star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30 Match of the Day.** (R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.** **10.00 Sunday Morning Live.** **11.00 Sunday Politics.** **12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** Analysis of yesterday's Premier League matches. **1.00 BBC News; Weather.** **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.15 Escape to the Country.** **3.15 The Great British Bake Off.** (R) **4.15 Points of View.** **4.30 Songs of Praise.** **5.10 Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.** **5.40 Pointless Celebrities.** (R)

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. For the second year running, Countryfile plays host to One Man and His Dog, the contest showcasing the skills and traditions of sheepdog training and handling. Matt Baker and Helen Skelton present the action from Byland Abbey in the North York Moors, as handlers representing England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales compete to become the 2014 Champions. Between rounds, Helen explores the hills around the abbey, whose monks used to be at the heart of Britain's wool trade, and discovers how nearby Ampleforth Abbey is still going strong. But rather than raising sheep, its monks are now selling cider. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. A return visit to Kirby Hall in Northamptonshire, where items include Art Deco enamel, a toy football team, a stuffed dog, a Venetian drug jar and an elaborate carved chair.

9.00 Our Girl. Molly strikes up a friendship with a young Afghan girl, in spite of Capt James's warnings against becoming too involved with the locals, threatening her ability to remain impartial.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the Premier League match at the Hawthorns, where West Bromwich Albion welcomed Burnley.

11.20 Film: Flightplan. (2005) A woman on board a flight with her daughter wakes up to find the girl has disappeared – but no one else remembers having seen her. Thriller, with Jodie Foster and Peter Sarsgaard.

12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.55 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 Countryfile. (R) **7.00 Great British Garden Revival.** (R) **8.00 The American Football Show.** (R) **8.30 The Beechgrove Garden.** **9.00 The Football League Show.** (R) **10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.50 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook.** (R) **12.20 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes.** (R) **1.20 Live Cycling: Road World Championships.** The men's road race. **4.00 Canoe Slalom: World Championship Highlights.** **5.30 Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs.** **6.30 Jungle Atlantis.** A thousand years ago, the Khmer people of Cambodia built an empire and their capital was the great city of Angkor, with its centrepiece being Angkor Wat – a vast temple complex covering an area more than four times the size of the Vatican City. In the first of this two-part programme, an international team of archaeologists and scientists use revolutionary technology to reveal the true scale and extent of the lost metropolis and find out how its people lived and died. (R)

7.30 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Hazel Irvine presents highlights of the third day from the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, where the 40th staging of the biennial contest between teams from the USA and Europe concluded with the singles matches. With commentary and analysis by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cottrell, Mark James, Phil Parkin, Maureen Madill, Scott Drummond, Rishi Persad and Russell Fuller.

9.30 Mock the Week. Rob Beckett, Milton Jones, Romesh Ranganathan and Holly Walsh join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R)

10.00 Film: Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of punk singer Ian Dury, focusing on the impact his rise to fame and volatile personality had on his relationship with his son. With Andy Serkis and Bill Milner.

11.55 Film: The Children. (2008) A family Christmas at a remote cottage turns deadly when a virus transforms the children into bloodthirsty killers. Horror, starring Eva Birthistle and Stephen Campbell Moore.

1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.10 Holby City.** (R) **3.10 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.35 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Dino Dan.** (R) **7.05 Animals.** (R) **7.10 Animals.** (R) **7.20 Om Nom Stories.** (R) **7.25 Sooty.** (R) **7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man.** **8.20 Nerds & Monsters.** (R) **8.30 Big Time Rush.** **9.00 The Aquabats! Super Show!** **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.** **10.25 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.25 ITV News; Weather.** **11.35 Film: Carry On Girls.** (1973) **1.15 Film: Fletch Lives.** (1989) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. **3.30 The X Factor.** (R) **4.15 Downtown Abbey.** (R) **5.45 All Star Family Fortunes.** (R)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium. Jack Whitehall hosts the variety show, with Lionel Richie, the Script, dance act Duplic8, comedy duo the Umbilical Brothers and a preview of the new film Dan in Denham musical.

8.00 The X Factor. As the boot-camp triple bill concludes, the 24 remaining acts know they have to raise their game to stand out at the forthcoming judges' houses stage of the competition.

9.00 Downton Abbey. A bombshell was dropped in last week's edition, and it's clear as this episode begins that the household, both upstairs and down, is still coming to terms with what has happened – and it falls on Robert's broad shoulders to make what could be a far-reaching decision about the situation. Rose, meanwhile, seems more concerned with persuading him to buy a wireless than what is happening to those around her – but then again, she's always been trapped in her own self-centred little world. In the kitchen, Mrs Patmore thinks she may have found a way to help Daisy cope with her studies, while Thomas' devious ways look set to scupper Baxter's friendship with Molesley.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Married the Walter: Love in the Sun. Stories of British women whose holiday romances endured long after they returned home to the UK. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.10 The Store.** **2.30 Motorsport UK.** **3.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R) **4.05 ITV Nightseries.** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 British F3. (R) **6.40 British F3.** **7.05 Ironman Wales.** **7.35 NFL: The American Football Show.** (R) **8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** (R) **1.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.55 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.25 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **2.55 Film: She's the Man.** (2006) Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. **5.00 Channel 4 News.** **5.30 American Football Live** at Wembley, Oakland Raiders v Miami Dolphins (Kick-off 6.00pm).

8.00 Operation Manoeat. Mark Evans travels to the shores of Hudson Bay in Canada, where polar bears are causing havoc in isolated communities. He arrives in the town of Churchill just hours after an attack has left two people seriously injured and one of the animals dead. Here, he joins an alert team transporting a captured bear by helicopter to a designated release site. Next, in the Inuit town of Arviat, he works with wildlife officers to test an aerial drone early warning system, a military-grade loud speaker deterrent and a controversial experiment to place meat out on the tundra to divert these predators away from locals.

9.00 Film: Magic Mike. (2012) Premiere. A male stripper who is the star attraction in a nightclub teaches a talented young dancer the tricks of the trade, while also introducing him to his hedonistic world. The veteran performer falls for his protegee's sister, but finds his wild lifestyle comes between them. Steven Soderbergh's comedy drama, with Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey, Olivia Munn and Alex Pettyfer.

11.15 Film: Indecent Proposal. (1993) A penniless couple accept \$1million for the wife to sleep with a billionaire, but their marriage suffers as a result. Drama, starring Robert Redford, Demi Moore and Woody Harrison.

1.20 American Football Live. Dallas Cowboys v New Orleans Saints (Kick-off 1.30am). Nat Coombs is joined by Mike Carlson to present coverage of the match from AT&T Stadium. **5.00 Ironman Wales.** Highlights of the race in Pembrokeshire. (R) **5.25 Win It Cook It.** Hosted by Simon Rimmer. (R) **5.55 Deal or No Deal.** Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **6.35 Seaside Antics.** **6.40 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.55 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.05 Only the Little White Van.** (R) **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.35 City of Friends.** (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20 Wanda and the Alien.** **8.35 Rupert Bear.** (R) **8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.10 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **9.25 LazyTown.** (R) **9.55 Access.** **10.00 Police Interceptors.** (R) **10.55 Police Interceptors.** (R) **11.50 Police Interceptors.** (R) **12.45 Ultimate Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.45 Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.** (2009) Animated comedy, with the voice of Bill Hader. **3.30 Film: Homebound Bound II: Lost in San Francisco.** (1996) Animal adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **5.10 Film: Paul Blart: Mall Cop.** (2009) Comedy, starring Kevin James.

7.05 5 News Weekend.

7.10 Film: 100 BC. (2008) In prehistoric times, a young mammoth-hunter bravely combats ferocious creatures as he journeys across the wilderness to rescue his captive lover and her fellow villagers from brutal slave raiders. Roland Emmerich's fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait, Camilla Belle, Cliff Curtis and Joel Virgel.

9.00 Film: Gone in 60 Seconds. (2000) A veteran car thief is forced out of retirement to steal 50 top-of-the-range vehicles in exchange for his brother's life. While his sibling is held hostage by a sadistic gangster, he asks his former cronies to help – but with the clock ticking and just a few days remaining to pull off the daunting task, their chances of success are hanging by a thread. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie and Robert Duval. Part of the Legend of Cage night.

11.15 Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) A hitman in Thailand questions his way of life, while his employer plots to have him killed when his work is done. Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage and Shahkrit Yamnarm. Part of the Legend of Cage night.

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10 The Gadget Show.** (R) **4.00 House Doctor.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Craze **7.05 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You** **7.50 Doctor Who** **8.35 Film: Kung Fu Panda** (2008) **10.00 Family Guy** **10.45 Bad Education** **11.15 American Dad!** **12.00 Film: Annuahood** (2011) **1.25 The Truth About Skunk** **2.25 Bad Education** **2.55 Parents' Evening** **3.20 Bad Education** **3.50 Close**

BBC Four
7.00 The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Fabergé **8.00 Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities** **9.00 British Art at War: Bomber, Sicker and Nash** **10.00 Film: The Body** (2012) **11.45 Queen: The Legendary 1975 Concert** **12.30 Film: Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars** (1973) **2.00 TOTIP2** **2.45 British Art at War: Bomber, Sicker and Nash** **3.45 Close**

ITV2
12.25 The X Factor **1.40 The Xtra Factor** **2.15 You've Been Framed!** **2.45 Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang** (2010) **4.55 Film: Despicable Me** (2010) **6.00 The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) **9.00 The Xtra Factor** **10.00 Bad Bridesmaid** **11.00 Trickick** **12.00 The X Factor** **1.05 The Xtra Factor** **2.00 Two and a Half Men** **2.45 The Xtra Factor** **3.15 Emmerdale**

ITV3
11.50 Inspector Morse **1.55 Wycliffe** **3.00 Film: Carry On Follow That Camel** (1967) **5.05 Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes** (2000) **7.00 Lewis** **9.00 The Best of the Royal Variety** **10.00 Film: Gosford Park** (2001) **12.50 William and Mary** **2.40 Judge Judy** **3.00 ITV3 Nightseries** **3.15 Emmerdale**

ITV4
12.30 How I Met Your Mother **2.00 Melissa & Joey** **3.00 Suburgatory** **3.30 New Girl** **4.00 The Big Bang Theory** **5.00 The 100** **6.00 2 Broke Girls** **7.00 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Film: The Karate Kid** (2010) **10.45 The Big Bang Theory** **11.10 Glue** **12.15 Rules of Engagement** **1.15 Rude Tube: All Things Weird and Wonderful** **2.20 The Ricky Gervais Show** **2.45 The Cleveland Show** **3.10 Hollywoods**

Film4
11.00 Blossoms in the Dust (1941) **1.00 Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country** (1991) **3.05 Mad Money** (2008) **5.10 Romancing the Stone** (1984) **7.15 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer** (2007) **9.00 Die Hard 2** (1990) **11.20 Neds** (2010) **1.40 Cop Land** (1997) **3.50 Close**

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A cyborg assassin is sent on a murderous mission back in time to the 20th century, where he wreaks havoc while searching for his intended victim – a woman whose unborn son is destined to lead the human race in a war against machines. However, a soldier has also been sent from the future to protect her. James Cameron's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton and Michael Biehn. (1984)

TUESDAY
Honeymoon in Vegas, BBC1, 11.35pm
A private detective faces a desperate race against time to win back his fiancée after using her as a betting stake in a card game, which he lost to an expert player. Andrew Bergman's romantic comedy, starring Nicolas Cage, Sarah Jessica Parker, James Caan, Johnny Williams, Anne Bancroft and Peter Boyle. (1992)



The Nutty Professor, Friday, ITV, 11.10pm

WEDNESDAY
They Come Back, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A psychologist takes on the case of an orphaned girl whose parents were killed in a car crash. As she treats the withdrawn child, she begins to suspect her patient is not merely traumatised by her loss, but is being haunted by the ghosts of her parents. Supernatural drama, starring Mia Kirshner and Niamh Wilson. (2007)

THURSDAY
Love Will Keep Us Together, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A man is left devastated after the death of his wife and puts his career on hold so he can devote himself to looking after their children. The youngsters have never had a particularly close bond with him, but through the hardships that come and go they grow closer together as a family. Drama, with David James Elliott and Sharon Case. (2010)

FRIDAY
The Nutty Professor, ITV, 11.10pm
An obese, terminally shy professor invents a potion that transforms him into a slim, loud-mouthed charmer. His new streamlined self immediately sets out to woo the woman of his dreams – but soon starts to ride roughshod over everything he used to care about. Remake of the 1963 Jerry Lewis comedy, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and Larry Miller. (1996)

Thomas returns to expand his empire

Razor blades hidden in caps, danger around every corner and dastardly goings-on in Birmingham – that's the stuff this hit drama is made of.

Peaky Blinders arrived in a blaze of publicity last year, and with good reason – it's not every day that Hollywood stars of the calibre of Cillian Murphy and Sam Neill agree to appear on BBC Two. Not that this is a cheaply made affair – far from it in fact.

As well as a great script from Steven Knight, writer of the screenplays for Eastern Promises and Dirty Pretty Things, and wonderful performances, the production design also helps transform the tale into something very special indeed – heaps of trouble has gone into recreating post-First World War Midlands, and it often feels like a very foreboding world indeed.

The first series was a big success, so it came as no surprise when a second was commissioned.

Knight was particularly thrilled, because the idea for the series came

from shadowy tales he heard from elderly members of his family.

"I am so pleased we will be able to continue to tell this story of a working class family living through extraordinary times in an extraordinary way. The Peaky Blinders will march on to many surprising places and fight astonishing battles as the 1920s begin to roar."

Another big star is set to make an appearance in series two – Tom Hardy.

Last year he starred in Locke, an inventive film written and directed by Knight set entirely inside a car. He's also well-known to Murphy – the pair appeared in The Dark Knight Rises, the final film in director Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy. Now they're back on screen again, pitting their wits against each other.

Murphy was chillingly believable in the first run as Thomas Shelby, head of a criminal family, while Hardy joins the cast as Thomas's arch enemy from way back.

The action now takes place in the Roaring Twenties, with Thomas

determined to develop the Shelby businesses, both legally and illegally, in new territories. But when we meet up with him again, a blast from the past is all set to put a spanner in the works...

"It's classic crime family stuff," says the Irish actor. "But whatever the shift in power or that push and pull is, the family is unbelievably tight."

They also look startlingly similar thanks to their severe short-back-and-sides haircut – we're talking about the men only, of course – which makes them appear threatening in real life.

"The look thing was very important," explains Murphy. "There was a real peaky blinders gang that existed, and they were far more vicious and brutal than the gang that we are depicting. However, it was necessary that they controlled this part of Birmingham, so they instil a fear and respect in people, so we need to look tough. So for a load of fey actors, it was important to get the look right."

They certainly do look right – and should add to the menace this time around too.



Cillian Murphy heads the cast of Peaky Blinders, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
New Tricks
BBC1, 9pm

The arrest of a Turkish girl who has been working illegally leads Ucos to reopen the case of Richard Gibson, a pub landlord who died in a fire in 2009. The original investigation concluded Gibson's death was probably suicide due to his dire financial situation, but the detectives have some questions about the pub's live-in barmaid, who disappeared on the night of the blaze. Could widowed landlady Joanna, pub regular Jason, or the dead man's best friend David, who happens to have a sideline in passing off his British-produced sparkling wine as French champagne, supply them with any answers? While the case tests the team's brain power, Sasha is also keen to raise their fitness levels as she signs them up for a five-a-side football competition. Phil Davis, Niamh Cusack and Tom Georgeson guest star.

Cilla
ITV, 9pm
It looks like Cilla has put that early botched audition and those disappointing record sales behind her as, following the success of Anyone Who Had a Heart, her new single You're My World becomes her second number one. However, while she may have conquered the UK charts, can she follow in the footsteps of her old mates the Beatles and crack

America? The signs aren't looking good, and just to add to the pressure, her relationship with Bobby is becoming increasingly tumultuous. But as her manager Brian Epstein's private life starts to spiral out of control, it seems there could be an even bigger threat to Cilla's new-found success. The concluding instalment of Jeff Pope's biopic charting Cilla Black's rise to fame, starring Sheridan Smith, Aneurin Barnard and Ed Stoppard. Last in the series.

TUESDAY
The Driver
BBC1, 9pm
The crime drama continues, as Vince realises just how far out of his depth he has gotten since agreeing to be the driver for gang leader The Horse. He nurses a guilty conscience as his thoughts turn to his involvement in the last job and so sets about trying to make things right – although little does he realise his actions are going to impact on Col. Meanwhile, Ros is becoming increasingly suspicious of what her husband is getting up to in his spare time, and it looks like Vince's two worlds may be about to collide. Feeling at a loss, he tries to piece his family back together by visiting his son

Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 9pm

Tim and making an emotional plea. David Morrissey, Claudie Blakley, Ian Hart and Lewis Rainer star.

WEDNESDAY
This World: Rwanda's Untold Story
BBC2, 9pm

Twenty years on from the Rwandan genocide, Jane Corbin examines evidence that challenges the accepted story of one of the most horrifying events of the late 20th century. The country's president Paul Kagame has long been portrayed as the man who brought an end to the killing and rescued his country from oblivion, but there are increasing questions about the role of his Rwandan Patriotic Front forces in the dark days of 1994 and in the years since. The film investigates the shooting down of the presidential plane that sparked the killings in 1994, questions Kagame's claims to have ended the genocide and examines allegations of war crimes committed by his forces and their allies.

THURSDAY
Who Do You Think You Are?
BBC1, 9pm

Some great names have featured in the series so far, but their ancestors' lives haven't always been as intriguing as those of lesser celebrities who've taken part in previous runs. At least with this week's famous face – comedian and actor Billy Connolly – we're guaranteed more than our fair share of laughs, even if his family history turns out to be lacklustre. The episode starts out promisingly in the city of Billy's birth, Glasgow, where he hopes to find out more about his mother's relatives. He believes they hailed from Ireland, but records concerning his great-great-grandmother only deepen the mystery.

FRIDAY
Tom Kerridge's: Best Ever Dishes
BBC2, 9pm

New series. The double Michelin-starred chef creates new versions of some of Britain's favourite recipes, elevating everyday, ordinary food with his impressive flair. In the first episode, Tom focuses on crowd-pleasing dishes, perfect for sharing at a party, including crispy stuffed potato skins with Roquefort and pancetta, pulled beef brisket with garlic coleslaw, and barbecued mackerel. He finishes off with an indulgent chocolate tart.



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Throwback to quirky era

By Bob Hickman

For quite a long time Citroën has basked in a reputation of pile them high and sell them cheap, often offered as VAT free.

We forget that years ago they used to produce some seriously quirky, interesting cars and I believe the DS5 is a throwback to that era.

The DS5 is an extremely stylish and I believe an attractive option – externally it makes a statement.

It is wide, has a very high stance and has the impression of attempting to be an SUV lookalike. It is certainly a big and bold vehicle, the amount of chrome items are a throwback to a 50s era, especially when you look at the rear twin exhaust pipes and the prominent light cluster and cooling vents.

At the front there is no mistaking this is a Citroën, DS5 makes the statement.

Citroën designers have got a little carried away in the interior, there is a bold design, a centre console actually built in to the roof, with a plethora of over-complicated switches – the number of times I opened one of the sun blinds instead of altering the depth of the brilliant heads-up speed display in the dashboard was beyond belief.

Visibility in the vehicle from a driving perspective was a little bit problematic, the high sides and the huge A pillars, and the small rear screen with the spoiler fixed mid-way did make for serious care and attention when maneuvering or reversing the vehicle. Reversing was aided by the

camera fixed in to the boot lid which made life very much easier when moving in to a confined spot.

The interior of the DS5 is big and bold in keeping with its external characteristics, it is almost a twin-cockpit set up with overhead consoles and switches and all sorts of paraphernalia.

The controls are somewhat futuristic and I love the design of the quirky analogue clock that has been incorporated in to the dashboard.

It is a quiet vehicle to be cocooned in, with plenty of space in the rear for three people and adequate legroom.

Panoramic

The roof of the DS5 is a confusing feature, from outside it looks like it is painted black, but interior occupants see it is a panoramic glass roof – and driver, front passenger and rear passengers have the option of operating a sun blind to dim out the bright light, but this again necessitates one of the many quirky switches to operate.

The boot is a generous 465 litres but the sill is on the high side, making the loading, especially of heavy items, more troublesome.

The power unit in the test vehicle was a 2.0-litre 160bhp HDI turbo diesel. This has been well used and proven in both Citroën and Peugeot ranges and when allied to the six-speed gearbox should allow a 132mph top speed and 0-60 in just under 10 seconds.

The CO2 figures are not generous at 129g/km, so we will be looking not in the cheap band for road tax.

There are innumerable good points about the car; it has a distinctive execu-



‘The Citroën DS5 is an extremely stylish and I believe an attractive option – externally it makes a statement’

tive styling both in and out, extremely high safety rating.

The downside, sadly, was the handling and the noise at times from the engine. There was a pronounced diesel clatter.

The handling was positive and responsive to steering input, but the vehicle was susceptible to rough roads and it transmitted it back in to the cabin all the bumps and jolts.

So a little bit more work on springing

and damping to iron out these faults is, for me, a necessity.

My DS5 Sport HDi had an on-the-road price of £28,915, with extras including metallic paint at an additional price of £600, a leather pack interior at £1,690 and an enhanced hi-fi system at £550, making a total price of £31,755.

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'Reds' meet face to face

The Infiniti high-performance prototype super-saloon – the Q50 Eau Rouge – has finally come face to face with Eau Rouge, the signature high-speed corner of the famed Spa-Francorchamps race circuit in Belgium, from which the car takes its name.

Sebastian Vettel, Infiniti's director of performance and four-time Formula One World Drivers' Champion, had the honour of putting the car through its paces as part of a social media powered race against US professional race driver Parker Kligerman and Nine-Ball World Champion snooker player Pan Xiaoting of China.

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was true to form with heavy rain dousing the track throughout Vettel's test run in the Q50 Eau Rouge.

Vettel has been involved in the ongoing development of the Q50 Eau Rouge prototype which was first revealed as a design concept vehicle at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January this year.

"Even though it was difficult to get a proper feel for the car's performance due to the wet track, the engineering team have made definite improvements to the car in the areas of steering and suspension since I first drove it earlier in the year," said Vettel.

"There is no shortage of power from the Q50 Eau Rouge.

"All in all it was an interesting day and we had fun. It was a privilege to be given the task of driving the Q50 Eau

Rouge on one of the most demanding corners in the world."

The base engine inside the Q50 Eau Rouge is an aluminum and magnesium twin-turbo, 24-valve, 3.8-litre V6 powerhouse that is already an icon among sports car fans. For the Eau Rouge, with bespoke Infiniti engine mapping, air intake and exhaust, and F1-inspired aerodynamic body work, peak engine power is up to an exhilarating 560hp, with engine torque measured at 600Nm.

Originally a design concept of what a high-performance variant of the Infiniti Q50 premium sports saloon could look like, the Q50 Eau Rouge lives on as a dynamic development vehicle.

The decision to take the Infiniti Q50 Eau Rouge into production is currently under evaluation.

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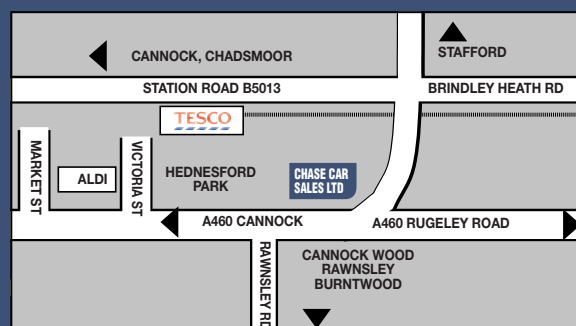
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Bike is ideal for commuting runs

In these days of rising fuel costs and fares, there will be many who are looking to save money on commuting costs.

Cars are becoming almost incredibly economical, but even with a petrol-electric hybrid you wouldn't get anywhere near the 160mpg that's been bringing a smile to my face. That smile is thanks to Honda's latest CB125, a bike whose current sales success is down to far more than the need for 17-year-olds (or older CBT students) to get on a legal training bike.

Its good looks, light and agile nature but above all its impressive fuel economy mean it's much appreciated by commuters, too. At £2,699 it costs less than some top of the line mountain bikes, and with its economy and low insurance rates if you wanted something cheaper to run you'd probably need to pedal it.

The CB125 is powered by an air-cooled, single cylinder, four stroke motor with a little over 11bhp on tap, around average for this class of bike. It features a small tinted windscreen and sporty-looking half cowl which serve an aerodynamic role, as well as deflecting some of the wind blast at higher speeds. There's a trendy, coloured-coded belly pan, too.

The seat height is relatively low, with raised bars to give most a comfortable, upright position, yet the bike is also tall enough that even taller riders find their legs are in a natural, relaxed position.

Work it up through the five gears and the 125

By John Griffiths

sprints up to around 40mph in spritely fashion which makes it easy to go with the flow in town traffic, and on a dual carriageway the test bike topped out at an indicated 60mph so you don't have to feel intimidated by impatient four wheelers of various kinds.

At higher speeds the little engine, of necessity, runs at high revs (in the 7,000 to 8,000rpm bracket) but this is Honda engineering and no-one has more experience in this field, so the lack of vibration and relatively low noise levels are very welcome. In fact on the open road the wind noise in my helmet was more of an issue – ear plugs temporarily abandoned for the test run.

Computer-controlled fuel injection means easy starting (there's an electric starter motor) and aids economy, although naturally reaching that claimed 160mpg maximum will largely depend on how you ride it. But with a 13 litre tank, though, the petrol station is one place you won't have to visit too often.

The CBF's seat allows plenty of room for a pillion passenger, but like any 125 this would, of course, impact on the performance.

The little bike has credible, big bike good looks but is tuned for frugal use of fuel more than sporty performance. What is clear is that Honda's engineers didn't cut any corners in basing the 125 on a very competent chassis which would, I'm sure, easily handle a lot more power.

Stiff and very light, it gives the machine a particularly nimble feel, so well balanced that even at low speeds it feels no heavier than a pushbike and needs negligible physical effort.

It's just the sort of bike to inspire confidence in novice riders and for the more experienced to nip through crawling traffic. The telescopic front forks and pair of sprung dampers at the rear provide a comfortable ride and, in combination with the 17-inch wheels, accurate steering even over some of our well patched town roads.

The brakes consist of a single 240mm disc at the front and a drum at the rear, plenty to provide competent stopping on a bike weighing in at just 128kgs.

The compact instrument panel includes a speedo, rev counter and fuel gauge, with the usual array of warning lights.

On the custom accessories list there's a larger screen, plus two top boxes – the larger one of 35 litres big enough not only for a helmet but also for your working clothes if you're commuting, or to bring home the bacon and so on if you're off to the shops and don't want the trouble of finding a parking space for the car.

A 125 won't be every biker's cup of tea, but what the CBF lacks in power it makes up for in its lightness and agility. While it has an obvious appeal to newcomers to two wheels, its good looks and good manners combined with low running costs will make it a useful alternative to consider for those fed up with stop-start driving on the crawl to work.

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North Staffs Caravans has taken on the Coachman franchise which has four ranges from the Vision that starts at £15,845 to the Laser that comes in at £26,645.

A special launch event is being held

at the dealership at Silverdale this weekend when there will be promotional offers such as a free solar panel on the Vision and Pastiche models and a free motor mover on the VIP and Laser models as well as special discounted prices on other tourers and accessories.

Tim Keats, who runs the business, said that Coachman has a reputation for build quality that is the envy of many rival makes. "Coachman is an independent, family-run manufacturer that has a great reputation for the quality and the attention to detail of its

products. For example, there are no screws in the side panels, they are all bonded, and there is a ten year warranty on water ingress.

"It is the first new franchise we have taken on in around 25 years and I am very pleased to do so. Coachman offers a good range with a variety of layouts, sizes and price points that will appeal to a lot of people with caravans and its build quality is up there with the very best in the industry.

"I think we will do well with it and look forward to showing them to visitors this weekend."



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BLOOR

Juanita

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Peter, Family and Friends.

BRADLEY

Michael

Of Great Wyrley, passed away
peacefully on September 16,
2014, aged 66 years.

Beloved Husband of Jenny,
loving Dad to Amanda, Carl,
Theresa and Trudy and a much
devoted Grandad.

Michael will be sadly missed
by all.

Funeral Service will take
place at Stafford Cremato-
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BROADBENT

Frances Mary

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September 13, 2014, aged 85
years.

She will be sadly missed by all
that knew her.

Funeral Service took place at
Stafford Crematorium, on
Wednesday, September 24.

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POOK

Joyce

Passed away peacefully on
Saturday, September 19, 2014.

The Funeral Service will be
held at Stafford Crematorium
on Monday, September 29, at
11.30am.

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for The Guide Dogs for the
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TURNER

Lilian

Of Hednesford, passed away
September 17, 2014, aged 83
years.

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adored Mother of Robert,
Jackie and Carol and a much
loved Nan and Great-Nan.

Funeral Service will take
place at Stafford Cremato-
rium, on Tuesday, September
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WILLIAMS

Brian

Passed away peacefully on
Thursday, September 18,
2014, aged 74 years.

Sadly missed by Wife Pat and
Family.

Funeral Service to be held at
St Augustines Church,
Rugeley on Thursday, October
2, 2014, at 12 noon,
followed by Cremation.

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WATERMAN

Andrew

Passed away 16 September,
2014, aged 80 years.

If memories keep us together,
then we are never far apart.
From early morn to silent
night, you're always in my
heart.

Dad

Farewells were left un-
spoken, as you gently
slipped away.

But you left so many happy
memories that will never fade
away.

Grandad

Always a smile, never a frown.
Always a hand when some one
was down.

A Grandad so thoughtful,
loving and kind, a beautiful
memory left behind.

in memoriam

GREATRIX

Chris

One year September 22.

A million times I've thought of
you, a million times I've cried.
If my love could have saved
you, Chris, you would have
never died.

I still hear your voice in my
lonely hours, when all is quiet
and still.

All my love, Lynda.

X X X

Dad

My heart still aches with
sadness, secret tears are
shed, what it meant to lose
you Dad, no one will ever
know.

When I am sad and lonely and
everything goes wrong, I seem
to hear you whisper, cheer up
Ryan, and carry on.

I look at your photo, you seem
to smile and say, don't cry
Ryan, I'm only sleeping, we
will meet again some day.

Son, Ryan

X X X

Dad

A beautiful nature, a heart of
gold, to us Dad and dear
Grandad you will never grow
old.

Son Martin, Claire and Sallie
Anne.

X X X

MALPASS

ERIC

September 23, 2013.

One Year.

We think about you always,
we talk about you too.

We have lots of lovely
memories, but we wish we
still had you.

Loving Wife Mary and
Family.
X X X

birthday remembrances

PEARSE

Sylvia May nee Evans

80th Birthday September 27,
2014.

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wishes to our Sister in

Heaven above.

Goodnight and God bless.

Evans Family.

X X X

STEWART

Adam Duncan

Thirty-nine today,
September 22.

Looking at your photo, on this
your special day, we whisper
happy birthday and wipe the
tears away.

Love, Mom and Dad.

X X X

acknowledgements

HOGG

Kath

The Family would like to
thank everyone who cared for
Mom during her illness, and
the cards and kind thoughts
from all the Family and
Friends.

Thank you to Staceys and
Diane for the Funeral
Service, to all who attended
and the generous donations to
St. Giles Hospice.

MOLLOY

Betty

Nigel and Mandy would like
to say a very special thanks to
Friends and Family, for all
their support following the
recent loss of our beloved
Mom and Mother-in-Law,
Betty.

Also, special thanks to
Staceys Funeral Directors,
for a very professional
Service.

To David Ryder, who
conducted the Service, at
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Church, with such thought
and care.

Thank you for all your kind
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WRIGHT

Patricia Ann

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Cannock, who passed away on
September 2, 2014.

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all Neighbours, Friends and
Colleagues, for the kind
messages received and also
thank those who attended the
Funeral Service.

We would like to give
special thanks to all who
cared for Pat during her
illness, particularly Dr. Hol-
brook, Ashcroft Nursing
Home and St. Giles Nurses.

The donations received,
which amounted to £310, have
been forwarded, as requested
by Pat, to St. Giles Hospice.

coming of age

18

ALLEN
Ben Thomas
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Birthday.
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26th September.
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Nan, Grandad
and Family.
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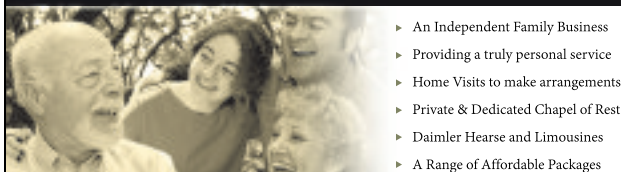
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FORD MONDEO 1.8 ZETEC, 52 Reg., 73,000 miles, tax, Mot, AC, metallic red, good condition, £975. 01922 492321.

FORD MONDEO ZETEC 1.8, V reg, silver, alloy wheels, 12 months Mot, 4 months tax, very good condition, £800 ono. 01543 934629.

HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 1.1 3dr in red, 53 plate, 89,400 miles, 12 months Mot, tax Dec, fully detailed service history. £850. 07966 068945.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

CHORLEY ROAD, BURNTHWOOD
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Chorley Road, Burnthwood between its junctions with Maplebrook Lane and Rugeley Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works, or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via Commons, Shaw Lane, Chapel Lane, Brierley Hill Lane, Gossomoor Green, Park Drive, Lower Lane and vice versa.

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 16 OCTOBER 2014, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY 25 OCTOBER 2014.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the BT cabinet and ducting works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation
No. 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

Ref: S26206; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000
http://roadworks.org

Date: 25 September 2014

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

B4156 STATION ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

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The preferred alternative route for traffic will be signed on site.

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Ref: S26158; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000
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Date: 25 September 2014

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Mr Gareth Oliver trading as Gareth Oliver Delivery Ltd., of Units 48-52 Rumer Hill Business Estate, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 0ET is applying for a licence to use Waterside Business Park Cannock, Wolverhampton Road, WS11 1SN as an operating centre for TWO goods vehicles and NIL trailers.

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THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS
Major Application CH/14/0344
256, Walsall Road, Cannock
Erection of a block of 12 No. 1 bedroom flats (outline including access, layout or make a retaining wall or adjustment, arising from re-publication of the application) (Alternative application to CH/14/0283)
Major Application CH/14/0346
Gestamp Talent Limited, Quadrant Point, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock
Demolition of former retail unit and erection of 2 storey office building and associated basement car parking and landscaping. (Alternative application to CH/14/0283)
Application Affecting a Listed Building
CH/14/0347
19, Lower Brook Street, Rugeley
Replacement of shop front and existing windows above.
Application for Listed Building Consent
CH/14/0348
19, Lower Brook Street, Rugeley
Listed building consent for internal and external alterations including replacement shop front and windows, replacement guttering, structural support to stabilise building and repairs to floor, ceilings and walls.
All applications may be inspected at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.
Applications relating to Rugeley and Breerton may also be inspected at the Rugeley Area Housing Office, Anson Street, Rugeley
The Council has published a Service Charter for publicity and information about planning applications and a Code of Conduct for the Planning Process both of which are obtainable from Council Offices free of charge.
If you wish to make comments about any of the above proposals you should do so in writing to the Planning Services Manager, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG by 16/10/14 Please include a daytime telephone number in your reply and quote the appropriate reference when calling or writing.
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KATHLEEN ETHEL THURSTANCE (Deceased)
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SESSION 2014-15

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL
ADDITIONAL PROVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering this Bill should consider certain amendments to the Bill for the following amongst other purposes:–

1. Amendments to authorise revised proposals for the construction of works and acquisition of lands:
- In the County of Oxfordshire, District of Cherwell, Parish of Fimmere,*
- A relocated access road (Work No. 2/105B) and additional land for the provision of access
- Parish of Mixbury,*
- An access road (Work No. 2/107A)
- In the County of Northamptonshire, District of South Northamptonshire, Parish of Culworth,*
- An access road (Work No. 2/126D)
- Parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote,*
- An access road (Work No. 2/127A) and additional land for the provision of environmental mitigation
- In the County of Warwickshire, District of Stratford-on-Avon, Parish of Radbourne,*
- Realignment of Radbourne Lane (Work No. 2/139B)
- Parish of Southam,*
- Additional land required for access
- District of Warwick, Parish of Offchurch,*
- Land required for a realignment of a gas main diversion (Work No. 2/152)
- Parish of Stoneleigh,*
- Land required for access
- Parish of Burton Green,*
- Land required for worksite
- District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Little Packington,*
- Land required for the provision of car parking, access and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- Parish of Coleshill,*
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- Parish of Curdworth,*
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines, environmental mitigation, access and worksite
- Parish of Wishaw and Moxhull,*
- Land required for access, worksite and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- Parish of Middleton,*
- Land required for access and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- In the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Parish of Berkswell,*
- Land required for the temporary diversion of Kenilworth Greenway (Work No. 2/183B)
- Parish of Bickenhill,*
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- In the County of Staffordshire, District of Lichfield, Parish of Drayton Bassett,*
- Land required for access and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- Parish of Hints with Canwell,*
- Land required for access
- Parishes of Weeford, Fradley and Streethay, Swinfen and Packington and King’s Bromley,*
- Land required for access and the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- Parishes of Lichfield and Longdon,*
- Land required for the diversion and installation of overhead electric lines
- In the City of Birmingham*
- Land required for construction access and for the construction of an access road (Work No. 3/220A).
2. In connection with the construction of the works specified in 1 above, provision for the stopping up or diversion of the public footpaths and bridleways and cycleway specified in Schedule 1 to this notice.
3. In connection with the construction of the works specified in 1 above, provision for the alteration or disturbance of the surface of the road or street specified in Schedule 2 to this notice.

Plans and Sections, with a Book of Reference to those Plans, relating to the proposed Amendments are available for public inspection at the offices and libraries referred to in Parts I and II of Schedule 3 to this Notice.

An Environmental Statement and a Non-Technical Summary of that Statement are also available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 3 to this notice and for inspection at the following office: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.hs2.org.uk.

Copies of the proposed Amendments together with copies of the Bill are available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 3 to this notice and for inspection at the following office: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 020 7944 4908, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.hs2.org.uk.

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The proposed Amendments and the Bill are available on the UK Parliament’s website at www.parliament.uk. The Plans and Sections, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary are available on the Department for Transport’s website at www.gov.uk/transport and via HS2 Ltd’s website at www.hs2.org.uk.

Any person who wishes to make comments on the Environmental Statement should send them to the Secretary of State for Transport, FREEPST RTKE-HKLL-TJYB, HS2 Phase One Additional Provision September 2014 Consultation, PO Box 70178, London, WC1A 9HS, Email: HS2PhaseOneAPSept2014@dialoguebydesign.co.uk on or before 14 November 2014.

Anyone wishing to send comments should note that responses will be published on a publicly-accessible website in due course, but the names, addresses and signatures of individuals will not be published. As it is not possible for the substance of responses to be checked to ascertain whether they contain other personal data, you should not include information in your response that could identify you unless you are content for it to be made public.

If you do not want any of your response to be published you should clearly mark it as “Confidential” in the “subject” of the email or at the top of your letter. However please note the following two paragraphs.

If you want the information you provide to be treated as confidential, you should be aware that all information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to disclosure in accordance with access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). Under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with confidentiality obligations. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain in your response why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If a request for disclosure of the information you provide is received full account will be taken of your explanation, but no assurance can be given that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department for Transport or HS2 Ltd.

Please note that all responses received, whether marked Confidential or not, will be passed on in full to the Houses of Parliament and their appointed Assessor, who will analyse the responses and make a report to Parliament. That report will not contain your personal data.

The Bill has been introduced in the House of Commons as a public Bill. In the House of Commons, by the terms of the Order made by that House, objection to the proposed Amendments may be made by depositing a Petition against them in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the first newspaper notice of the Amendments is published. Any such Petition must therefore be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons not later than 1pm on Friday 17 October 2014.

In the House of Lords, objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and the latest date for depositing such a petition against the Bill may be subject to an Order made by that House or, if no Order is made, will be the tenth day after that on which the Bill receives its First reading in that House. In the latter case, if this date is a Sunday, Christmas Day or Bank Holiday, or a day on which the House does not sit, the final date for depositing may be postponed.

Information about the deposit of such Petitions may be obtained from either the Private Bill Office, House of Commons or the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

DATED 17 September 2014

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

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SCHEDULE 1		
Area	Footpath, bridleway or cycleway to be stopped up or diverted	Permanent/temporary
<i>County of Oxfordshire</i>		
<i>District of Cherwell,</i>		
<i>Parish of Mixbury</i>	Footpath 303/6/10	Temporary
	Bridleway 303/22/10	Temporary
	Bridleway 303/22/20	Permanent with substitution

Area	Footpath, bridleway or cycleway to be stopped up or diverted	Permanent/temporary
<i>County of Northamptonshire</i>		
<i>District of South Northamptonshire,</i>		
<i>Parish of Whitfield</i>	Bridleway BD7	Permanent with substitution
	Bridleway BD10	Temporary
	Footpath AE12	Permanent with substitution
	Footpath AE20	Permanent with substitution
	Footpath AE21	Temporary
	Footpath AE28	Permanent with substitution
<i>Parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote</i>		
<i>County of Warwickshire</i>		
<i>District of North Warwickshire, Parish of Coleshill</i>		
	Footpath M56	Temporary
	Footpath M58	Temporary
	Byway M450	Temporary
<i>Parish of Curdworth</i>	Footpath T3	Temporary
<i>Parish of Middleton</i>	Byway T179	Temporary
	Byway M450	Temporary
<i>Parish of Wishaw and Moxhull</i>		
<i>County of Staffordshire</i>		
<i>District of Lichfield,</i>		
<i>Parish of Drayton Bassett</i>	Bridleway Drayton Bassett 3	Temporary
	Bridleway Drayton Bassett 10	Temporary
	Weeford Bridleway 0.477	Temporary
<i>Parish of Weeford</i>	Footpath King’s Bromley 0.391	Temporary
<i>Parish of King’s Bromley</i>		
<i>Metropolitan Borough of Solihull</i>		
<i>Parish of Berkswell</i>	Kenilworth Greenway	Temporary
	Footpath M184	Temporary
	Footpath M186	Temporary
	Footpath M187	Temporary
<i>City of Birmingham</i>		
	Footpath PRoW 18	Permanent

SCHEDULE 2

Area	Street or road subject to alteration or disturbance
<i>County of Northamptonshire, District of South Northamptonshire,</i>	
<i>Parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote</i>	Culworth Road

SCHEDULE 3

PART I

Officers with whom the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for inspection.

- In Oxfordshire –**
- Policy and Strategy Manager, Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 1NE
- Development Control Team Leader, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 4AA
- Parish Clerk, Fimmere Parish Council, 7 The Pound, Syresham, Brackley, Northamptonshire, NN13 5HG
- Chairman, Mixbury Parish Council, 12 Main Street, Mixbury, Brackley, Northamptonshire, NN13 5RR
- In Northamptonshire –**
- Team Leader, Transport Planning, Northamptonshire County Council, County Hall, Northampton, NN1 1ED
- Lead Officer Transport Policy, South Northamptonshire District Council, Springfield, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AE
- Chairman, Whitfield Parish Meeting, 5 Trangothal Court, Whitfield, Brackley, Northamptonshire, NN13 5TQ
- Parish Clerk, Culworth Parish Council, The Forge, The Green, Culworth, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX17 2BA
- Chairman, Chipping Warden and Edgcote Parish Council, 3 Allens Orchard, Chipping Warden, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX17 1LX
- In Warwickshire –**
- HS2 Project Manager, Warwickshire County Council, PO Box 43, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4SX
- Senior Democratic Services Officer, Stratford on Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HX
- HS2 Project Officer, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ
- Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, North Warwickshire Borough Council, South Street, Atherton, Warwickshire, CV9 1DE
- Radbourne Parish Meeting, Southam Library, Unit 9, Brewster’s Corner, Pendicke Street, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 1PN
- Town Clerk, Southam Town Council, The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 1QA
- Chairman, Offchurch Parish Council, Fairthorpe, Village Street, Offchurch, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV33 9AP
- Chairman, Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council, 8 Stoneleigh Close, Stoneleigh, Coventry, CV8 3DE
- Town Clerk, Kenilworth Town Council, Jubilee House, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1QG
- Parish Clerk, Burton Green Parish Council, Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1QG
- Parish Clerk, Little Packington Parish Council, Packington Estate Enterprises Ltd, Packington Hall, Meriden, Coventry, Warwickshire, CV7 7HF
- Town Clerk, Coleshill Town Council, Coleshill Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill, Warwickshire, B46 3BG
- Parish Clerk, Curdworth Parish Council, 47 St Paul’s Crescent, Coleshill, Birmingham, B46 1BB
- Chairman, Wishaw and Moxhull Parish Council, The Elms, Grove Lane, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9PH
- Parish Clerk, Middleton Parish Council, The Orchard, Coppice Lane, Middleton, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B78 2AR
- In Staffordshire –**
- HS2 Project Manager, Staffordshire County Council, Wedgwood Building, Stafford, ST16 2DH
- Strategic Director - Democratic, Development & Legal Services, Lichfield District Council, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6YY
- Parish Clerk, Drayton Bassett Parish Council, 40 County Drive, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B78 3XF
- Parish Clerk, Hints with Canwell Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG and Tamworth Library, Corporation Street, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 7DN
- Parish Clerk, Weeford Parish Council, 30 Fecknam Way, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6BY
- Parish Clerk, Swinfen and Packington Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
- Parish Clerk, Fradley and Streethay Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
- Town Clerk, Lichfield City Council, Donegal House, Bore St, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6LU
- Parish Clerk, Curborough and Elmhurst Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
- Chairman, Longdon Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
- Parish Clerk, King’s Bromley Parish Council, Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
- In Solihull –**
- Head of Policy and Planning, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB
- Chairman, Berkswell Parish Council, Balsall Common Library, 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, West Midlands CV7 7EL
- Parish Clerk, Bickenhill Parish Council, Recreation Ground, Bickenhill Road, Marston Green, Solihull, B37 7ER
- In Birmingham –**
- Projects Leader - Transportation Policy, Birmingham City Council, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, PO Box 14439, Birmingham, B4 7DQ

PART II

- Libraries where the Plans and Sections, Book of Reference, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary and proposed Amendments together with a copy of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection.
- Brackley Library, Manor Road, Brackley, Northamptonshire, NN13 6AJ
- Middleton Cheney Library, Main Road, Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, OX17 2PD
- Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1QG
- Leamington Spa Library, Royal Pump Rooms, Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4AA
- Coleshill Library, 19a Parkfield Road, Coleshill, Warwickshire, B46 3LD
- Water Orton Community Library, Mickle Meadow, Coleshill Road, Water Orton, Warwickshire, B46 1SN
- Southam Library, Unit 9, Brewster’s Corner, Pendicke Street, Southam, Warwickshire, CV47 1PN
- Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6OG
- Shenstone Library, Main Street, Shenstone, Staffordshire, WS14 0NF
- Burntwood Library, Sankeys Corner, Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, Staffordshire, WS7 2BX
- Tamworth Library, Corporation Street, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 7DN
- Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
- Brereton Library, Talbot Road, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 1AU
- Cannock Library, Manor Avenue, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1AA
- Stafford Library, Shire Hall, Market Street, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2LQ
- Solihull Central Library, Library Square, Homer Road, West Midlands, B91 3RG
- Balsall Common Library, 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV7 7EL
- Marston Green Library, Land Lane, Birmingham, West Midlands, B37 7DQ
- Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham, West Midlands, B1 2ND
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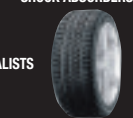
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Mansell runs old foe close in return

Midlands Light Heavy Weight Championship, Sunday September 21
GREAT Wyrley ABC started its 2014/15 campaign with the Midlands ABA Light Heavyweight Novice Championship final at a packed Donnington WMC.

Wyrley's Ryan Mansell faced Priory Park ABC's Josh Millar for the second time in consecutive bouts.

The first time back in April, Millar secured a wide points decision, but this time found himself in a much harder contest before securing a close unanimous decision.

Coach Pete Hickenbottom said: "This performance by Ryan was a 100 per cent improvement on the last time they met, a fact acknowledged by Josh himself who said that he wasn't expecting such a hard contest."

Mansell did make history, becoming the first Wyrley boxer to compete without a head guard since a new ruling was introduced.

Great Wyrley ABC stages its first show of the season on Saturday November 1, taking on a Midlands select ABC at Great Wyrley Sports and Social Club. Tickets are £10 and doors open at 7pm. Ring Pete on 07957 601424 for details.

Lockmen on hunt for assistant

WILLENHALL Town are looking to appoint a new assistant manager, who would work on a voluntary basis following Stuart Campbell's move.

The club is also appealing for sponsorship. The money would primarily go to paying for pitch rental.

Local businesses Aspray24, Bloxwich Environmental Service and Taylor Wimpey homes have sponsored the first half of the season's pitch rental and they are looking for sponsorship for the second half of the season.

On the pitch, things did not go well at Wolverhampton Casuals. Four late goals eventually undid a Willenhall side who again failed to take their own chances.

Highs and lows as Ryan looks to the future



Woods at his parents' pub

WITH only around 50 first team games under his belt, Ryan Woods has already experienced the highs and lows of professional football.

The 20-year-old Cannock-born player has established himself as a regular in the Shrewsbury Town first team.

And, despite relegation last season, his side have got off to a flying start this time around as they chase an instant return to League One.

Football

He was part of the side that dispatched Premier League Leicester City from the Capital One Cup. Norwich City, relegated from the top level last season, were also beaten on Tuesday night.

"We have a good squad of players and we are one of the favourites to go up, so hopefully we can do that," said Woods. Off the pitch,

the combative midfielder is as quiet and unassuming as they come and still lives in a flat above his parents' pub, the Victoria in Norton Canes.

He's well aware of the sacrifices they made taking him to matches and practice. Having been released at an early age by Walsall, Woods turned to Shrewsbury at the

age of 15 – and hasn't looked back. But he is conscious of what is needed to stay at the top of his game.

"There are ups and downs and hopefully the highs outweigh the lows. It's not just about talent but having dedication and determination."

Woods is looking for success at Greenhous Meadow, adding: "I'd like to play as high a level as I can, preferably with Shrewsbury."



Woods against Leicester

Handout gives a boost to Brocton

GRASSROOTS football has been given a helping hand after Brocton FC was given a £3,000 grant.

The money will be given over three years by the Football Foundation as part of its Grow the Game programme.

Two new youth teams have been established by the club, the first of which, the under-17s, have begun playing in the County Minor Sunday Youth League.

The grant will enable the young coaches, led by Sam Norton, to equip their new team and to extend their own qualifications and training as necessary.

The club aims to attract a management team for a second youth team next season as the grant allows for sufficient funding for two teams.

The Premier League and The FA fund the Grow the Game scheme with £1.5m.

Brian Chandler, Brocton's youth secretary, said: "This Football Foundation Grant is very welcome."

Football Foundation chief executive Paul Thorogood said: "Congratulations to Brocton. Their £3,000 grant will increase participation in the region as well as support football development."

Moxey is dreaming of matching Everton

JEZ Moxey has outlined Wolves' long-term vision to emulate Everton and be among the challengers just below the Premier League elite.

The Molineux club's chief executive also revealed his desire to keep winger Bakary Sako long term and stressed the club is extending its scouting network to improve player recruitment.

Moxey stated over three years ago when Wolves were still in the Premier League that the eventual aim was to challenge among the top three, four or five clubs in the country.

And despite the upheavals of the last few seasons, he still believes Wolves can become genuine challengers just below the current superpowers of the game.

"I believe the club's natural pecking order is sixth in the Championship upwards, but if you look at the historical stats Wolves are in the top 10 of all-time wins since football began," said Moxey.

Usurp

"I don't think in my lifetime we're going to usurp Manchester City or Manchester United but why can't we emulate, say, Everton, challenging?"

"That's the dream. We're striving to get there."

Achieving that aim means keeping their best players, and with Sako out of contract this summer, Moxey insists the club want to keep him.

But with the winger on £25,000-a-week, finances may dictate, while the 26-year-old has made it clear he would look closely at any offer from the Pre-

Football

mier League. "We'd love him to stay long term but we bought him when our economics were different," said Moxey.

"He's had interest from clubs like Nottingham Forest," said Moxey. We thought he might leave in the summer, so we brought in Rajiv Van La Parra.

"But he was content to stay provided he didn't get an offer from a Premier League team. Steve Morgan was adamant he didn't want to lose Sako this season."

Regarding spending plans, Moxey, who was addressing the Fans' Parliament, claimed Wolves are looking to produce one homegrown first-team player per year.

He added: "We're trying to make sure we spend money on good young players with real potential. We're very big on bringing local kids in and are very strong in Ireland."

"We're trying harder to extend our recruitment boundaries, as Eusebio and the other foreign lads show, and have a stronger recruitment department we must support as much as possible."

Winning golfers bag dream Ryder ticket



Lance Round and Jat Singh, from Chase Golf Club, who have won a dream ticket to the Ryder Cup

TWO Chase golfers will watch the top European golfers take on the cream of the US in style this weekend.

Jat Singh and Lance Round, members of Chase Golf Club at Pottal Pool, qualified through its Club Championship to play in the Road to the Ryder tournament. They won the event, over the Open Championship course at Royal Birkdale, with a better ball score of 38. Their win earned

them VIP tickets to Saturday's play at the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland, with accommodation at Cameron House, overlooking Loch Lomond, the night before.

Supportive

The Road to the Ryder Cup tournament was sponsored by Knights BMW of Stafford. Chase Golf Club operations director Bryan Davies, who set up the partnership three

years ago, said: "We are very lucky to have the partnership with Knights."

"Knights are very supportive of our members' events providing prizes such as cars for the weekend to sponsoring some of our biggest tournaments."

"When you consider rounds of golf at Royal Birkdale start from £250, these are prizes of a lifetime being provided by our partners at Knights BMW."

Saddlers homing in on points

WALSALL have successive home games coming up as they bid to move away from the foot of the table.

At least they stanchied the flow of goals against after a no-score draw at Gillingham on Saturday.

Under different circumstances, the Saddlers might have been more disappointed to take only a point away after creating the better chances but failing to take them at Priestfield.

But after the savaging at Spotland four days previously and the fallout from that result, what was needed above all else was a solid performance.

Saddlers welcome Doncaster and Bristol City for their next two League One clashes.

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Nelson's victory in second cup upset

Cannock Chase League
FOR the second week running First Division Nelson knocked a premier league team out of the Cannock Chase Cup, beating CK77 7-2 in the second round, with James Kent scoring a hat-trick.

Last season's losing finalists Ridware Oak knocked out second division Trafalgar 4-0.

Dynamo Lamb recorded their first Premier League win of the season, beating Rugeley Utd 4-1. Leaders Hawkins Sports beat second placed Huntington 5-1, Brereton Lion climb to second beating neighbours Brereton Town 5-3.

Victoria go top of Division One, beating Chase Spartans 5-2. AFC Jubilee beat Talbot 2-1 to move off the bottom. Wheat-sheaf beat Bar Sport 3-2.

Winding Wheel beat Bell & Bottle 5-2 in Division Two, Bow Street climb to third with a 3-1 win over Slade. Miners Rest beat Hen House 4-3.

Danny Jones hit hree as Cannock Rangers beat Pear Tree 4-1 in Division Three. Bridge beat Move-corp 2-1, leaders White Lion beat Pied Piper 6-2. Glassworks beat Ess-ington 2-1 and Soldiers beat Cannock Social 7-4. Dan Lawley's debut goal earned Greenheath a 1-0 win over Darlaston.

Hayes are denied by penalties

Coventry Sphinx 2
Heath Hayes 2

HAYES are unbeaten on their travels and came back from Coventry – who had won their previous game 10-0 – with a well-earned point.

It could have been all three but Tom Green rattled the bar late on. Both Sphinx goals came from the spot.

Green had given Hayes the lead from close range after the ball had come back off the keeper.

Sphinx equalised from a contentious Chris Gumery penalty, but Hayes regained the lead before half-time through Dave Waple.

A second Gumery penalty brought Sphinx level again following a Dan Scragg infringement.

Difficult start made tougher early on

Cannock Ladies 1sts 0
University of Durham Ladies 4
CANNOCK'S tough run of fixtures in their return to the Investec Women's Hockey League Conference North saw them hosting perennial contenders, the University of Durham in their first home game.

A tough fixture was made even harder when the visitors scored after just 90 seconds. Cannock were on the back foot and went two down after 19 minutes but held on until half time.

The second half saw a more resolute Cannock side holding the students at bay until

Hockey

two goals in the space of three minutes saw the lead doubled. However Cannock grafted and were more creative although unable to score. On Saturday they host Sutton Coldfield, who were relegated from the Premier Division last season.

Tamworth 1sts 3 Cannock Ladies 2nds 4
Cannock 2nds travelled to Tamworth for their last friendly before they start their campaign for the 2014-2015 season.

It was a tough game with Cannock con-

tinuing to test out their new formation. However some great team play and some well hit short corners lead to a victory for the visitors. Goals came from Jess Smith, Sarah Drayton-Chana, Mary Clark and Laura Thomas.

Cannock Ladies 3rds 3 Leek 2nds 0
Cannock Ladies 3rds started their Staffs Division 1 season with a home game against Leek 2nds. The girls have made no secret of their commitment to make this season one to remember and they started in fine fashion.

Goals from Holly Dean, Bev Cartledge

and Jude Hitchens have Cannock a 3-0 win as they dominated the game with a truly excellent performance, leaving Captain Wilkes and coach Hill very happy.

Leek 4ths 1 Cannock Ladies 5ths 0
Cannock Ladies 5ths travelled to Leek for their first league fixture, trying to forget a heavy loss against the same side the previous season.

Two of the club's young players, Louise Wykes and Nicola Rose, both aged 13, made their adult side debuts. Cannock held a strong defence and conceded only from a short corner in the first half.

First XV now face a tough away trip

Cannock 49 Tenbury 3
CANNOCK Rugby club hosted Tenbury on Saturday afternoon looking to build on the previous week's victory at Telford.

Despite a number of players missing, skipper Freeman was still able to field a strong side.

Tenbury kicked off and Daniel Blake set the mood early on with a powerful run. Cannock forced a scrum five metres out and the front row of Barrett, Trow and Richards steered it over the line giving Freeman an easy score.

Converted tries from Stephen Frost and Will Jukes added to the tally before a Tenbury penalty reduced the arrears, making it 21-3 at the break.

Daniel Mayle entered the fray for the second half and he set up Jord Pincombe to secured Cannock's bonus point.

Watkins then knocked the ball into Freeman's hands who ran in from 50 metres out. Next it was Humphries who finished off a good move. The last try came from Mayle.

This weekend, Cannock face a tough away trip to Yardley.

The 2nds travelled rather lightly to Tamworth and lost 52-7. The Lionesses beat Wolverhampton 38-5 on Sunday.

Dicko is set to be ready for Reading

KENNY Jackett is stressing there is no panic over Nouha Dicko, despite the striker picking up a hamstring injury.

Dicko scored the only goal in Saturday's 1-0 win against Bolton but limped off at half-time to be replaced by Leon Clarke.

The head coach is confident Dicko will be fit for the televised Sunday lunchtime trip to Reading.

"He had a very tight hamstring but we don't think it's pulled," said Jackett.

"All being well he'll be OK for Reading."

Regarding the signing of a loan striker, Jackett said: "If we can improve our squad we always would but it doesn't suddenly make it more urgent."

Late goals earn firsts a draw after comeback

Cannock 3 Brooklands Manchester University 3
CANNOCK first team made amends for defeat in the last stages of their previous game – snatching an equaliser at the death after falling two goals behind.

Cannock were keen to make their mark against newly-promoted Brooklands Manchester University after missing out seven days before.

And, having already beaten their opponents in a pre-season friendly, felt confident they could do so again.

However, thanks to a nervous start, Cannock made mistakes all over the pitch and the game was only seven minutes old when Stefan Ray-Hills scored with a deflected penalty corner for the visitors.

Chances

Cannock were spurred into playing with a bit more urgency, but it wasn't until the final minute of the half that Rob Farrington levelled from a penalty corner.

The second half saw both sides create chances but fail to find the back of the net until the final 15 minutes.

Brooklands struck first when they were awarded a penalty stroke, converted by Peter Flanagan. This was followed two minutes later by a further deflected penalty corner from Aiden Khares to put Brooklands two goals ahead.

Cannock upped their intensity, but Brooklands managed to repel the attacks – until the last seven minutes.

First, Pete Jackson confidently despatched a penalty stroke and then Farrington

Hockey

made the most of a penalty corner.

Cannock Boys u-16s began their assault on the EH U16 Championships by hosting a triangular tournament against Telford and Bridgnorth. Cannock started the day against a strong and confident Telford side.

Cannock's Connor Beardsmore made several key saves but he was not to be beaten and an Ollie Southall strike gave Cannock a 1-0 win.

Second up for Cannock was Bridgnorth – this proved a more comfortable task for Cannock as the lads produced a 4-0 wins thanks to a Chris Gardner double and goals for Jack Rolfe and captain Guy Sheldon. This meant after two games played Cannock sit at the top of their Tier 1 group with two wins and two clean sheets.

Cannock's other teams also found success with the 2nds playing two games and beating Telford 1sts and Stourport 1sts. The 3rds, 4ths and 5ths also ran out winners against their respective Stourport sides.



Dave Harris of Cannock, on the right, fights for the ball with Brooklands captain Peter Flanagan, an ex-Cannock player

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Champs beaten in defence of crown

STAFFORDSHIRE champion Paul Evans is among the entrants at one of the best competitions of the season on Saturday at the Waterloo Hotel in Blackpool.

The "Wembley of crown green bowls" stages the Champion of Champions. It includes all the county champions and numerous major competition winners from the season.

Evans faces a tough opener against Waterloo specialist Tommy Johnstone, winner of the Deryk Riley Memorial Trophy.

Draw: Sean Morrey v Wayne Ditchfield, (Waterloo Championship winner) v James Davison, John Kennish v Simon Coupe, Paul Evans v Tommy Johnstone, John Bailey v Darren Griffiths, David Hallam v Darren Plenderleith, (Midland Masters winner) v Jordan Baddeley, Gareth Nash v Ben Harris, Chris Brown v Andy Mailer, Greg Smith v Brian Welsby, Gary Ellis v Carl Fielding, Liam Howard v (Brig House Classic winner), Wayne Rogers v Callum Wright, Graeme Wilson v Steve Morrey, Andrew Turner v Richie Goddard, Liam Griffin v Ashley Daykin.

Meanwhile, Evans and Craig Barker were unable to retain the Jesse Gough county doubles title at Springvale Social Club in Bilston.

They eased to the semi-final, but ran into Chadsmoor pair Stuart Edwards and Mark Garbett and went out 21-5.

But the Chadsmoor pair were to be denied in the final, losing 21-4 to Victoria Park duo Chris Ward and Gordon Hawkins.

O'Connor in at Scholars

CHASETOWN boss Craig Harris has hailed the signing of Martin O'Connor as a 'massive coup' for the club.

The Scholars have appointed the former Walsall and Birmingham City captain as a coach to their academy.

O'Connor, aged 46, who won two caps for the Cayman Islands during his career, has been involved in Blues' academy and Harris said: "He's been coaching the youngsters and I hear he's getting his sleeves rolled up."

"It's a massive coup for the club," he added.

"He comes in for a couple of hours a week during the day and helps run the scholarship team and it's great to have him about."

The Scholars recently signed 18-year-old centre-back Alex Dallason from Stourbridge following his release from Walsall.

Visitors just cannot keep up with Jones

Burntwood 40 Wednesbury 11

ON a fairly overcast afternoon, Burntwood welcomed Wednesbury, who were fresh from a useful victory in their first league game.

The home team, meanwhile, had been reflecting on their disappointing trip to Uttoxeter when they found the pitch had not been marked.

The old saying game of two halves is a fair reflection on Burntwood's performance as a fairly uneventful first 40 minutes saw them disjointed at times and never really getting out of second gear.

Rugby

Both sides gave away early penalties and having already decided not to kick two easier looking attempts it was Wednesbury who opened the scoring on 21 minutes from the 10 metre line.

Luke Rookyard powered his way over the line to score the game's first try, converted by Will Peach.

Straight from the kick off though Burntwood gave away a cheap penalty converted well. At this point both sides were infringing

and giving away needless penalties on a regular basis and on 31 minutes Peach sweetly slotted a kick between the uprights.

Two minutes later the ref's patience finally subsided and Wednesbury's winger Ben Baker received a yellow card. This seemed to inject something into the game for the last two or three minutes. Another Peach penalty and a 13-6 scoreline would have been pleasing going into the break. It was 13-11, however as Burntwood, who had lost Tom Franks to the sin bin on his home debut, were caught napping and allowed a Wednesbury try. A third yellow card saw

Wednesbury's Gary Page in the sin bin and Franks back on the park. The game then came in to life and the home side really started to gather momentum.

Home captain Ben Holt finished a slick backs move to increase the lead then Brett Taylor's touchdown was converted by Peach.

A Rob Jones try and another from Holt, converted by Peach, increased the lead to 35-11. The final score came five minutes from the end with a second from Jones.

This weekend Burntwood go on the road to play Aston old Edwardians.

Honour for aikido students

A MARTIAL arts club represented England in front of top ranking Japanese Masters on their first visit to the UK in Middleton, Cheshire.

Students and Instructors from Black Star Aikido were specially invited to demonstrate their style of Aikido which included unarmed combat and weapons fighting patterns.

Shihan Ohgiya, 8th Dan, Shihan Kanno, 8th Dan and Sensei Fujio, 7th Dan along with Karate Champion Kevin Merriman, 5th Dan watched closely.

Chief instructor Tony Brown, a 6th Dan Shihan, Master Grade, said: "It was an honour to have my students demonstrate their skills. I am very proud."

Students later attended a presentation evening and the demonstration team were awarded certificates signed by the masters. Stephanie Dunning, aged 18, of red belt level achieved a special medal for the most promising student.

Dean Barker, purple belt, aged 40 received Best Aikido Student of the Year.

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Waite hits two as Scholars draw

NATHAN Waite's double earned a point for Chase-town in an Evo-Stik First Division South clash at Sutton Coldfield on Tuesday night.

Scholars debutant Daniel Parker scored an own goal. Waite equalised for the second time on 72 minutes. It follows a 4-0 home loss against Mickleover.

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POSITIVE START IN VAIN FOR PITMEN

Chorley 2 Hednesford 0

HEDNESFORD Town slipped to a defeat at Chorley in the Conference North, despite a promising beginning to the match.

The opening 20 minutes or so were very positive for the Pitmen as they faced an in-form side and had the better chances with Danny Glover heading wide.

However Hednesford found themselves a goal down at the break at Victoria Park.

As the clock ticked towards 45 minutes, Mark Ross strode forward and hit an unstoppable shot into the left-hand corner of the goal giving the sprawling Dan Crane no chance.

The Pitmen almost hit back straight away as Tom Peers bore down on goal, beat the keeper but saw Tom Smyth make an outstanding last-ditch block on the line to divert the ball clear.

Placed

Hednesford's golden chance to equalise came on 53 minutes when a Tom Thorley corner found Ben Bailey perfectly placed, 12 yards out to head the ball into the net but the defender, usually a real threat from set pieces, didn't get the right contact and as the ball fizzed wide.

Alex Melbourne had to hack the ball clear of the line shortly afterwards and after Glover's weak header was straight at the keeper James Dean followed up an initial shot by Jack Dorney to sweep the ball into the net on the hour-mark to

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double Chorley's lead and settle the contest.

The Pitmen travel to King's Lynn in the FA Cup on Saturday. The Linnets currently sit sixth in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League and progressed in the competition following a 7-0 home defeat of Boston Town in the First Qualifying Round.

Chorley: Ashton, Ross (44), Mather, Doyle, Smyth, Roscoe, Hine (Jarvis 78), Whitham (Lynch 90), Dean (60) (Mulholland 90), Dorney, Stephenson. Subs not used: Eddallie-Biney, Grundy.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Hurst, Campion, Bailey, Francis, Taylor (Ashmore 51), Osborne (Sullivan 65), Melbourne, Glover, Peers, Thorley (McQuickin 73). Subs not used: McCone, Price.

The dates for this season's first round County Cup games have now been confirmed.

In the Birmingham County FA Senior Challenge Cup, the Pitmen have been drawn at home to Tamworth FC, in a re-run of last season's semi-final. This match will be played at Keys Park on Tuesday October 14, kick off at 7.45pm.

In the Staffordshire Senior Cup, the Pitmen will be away at Walsall Wood FC on Tuesday, October 21, with a 7.45pm kick off.

Young guns are saluted after T20 triumph



Cannock's young players celebrate their Staffs T20 trophy success at Chase Park

CANNOCK are hailing a triumph for youth after winning the Mid-Staffs T20 competition in a dramatic final day at Chase Park.

The hosts overcame Tamworth in Sunday's final, winning the Andrew Knighton Cup for the second time in five years. They were the inaugural winners in 2010.

And it completed a double for Will Fleet's young side, who also won the Staffs Clubs Knockout at Beacon.

Sunday's game produced a tense

finale as Cannock took until the first ball of the final over to eclipse the target set by Tamworth, who finished on 90-7.

Captain Fleet led the way with an unbeaten 36 while Adam Benton chipped in with 34. Ed Martin, Alex Morris and Dan Wood all took two Tamworth wickets.

Cannock chairman Dave Robinson saluted his young players.

"All the players were under 25 so we've done it with a really young

side which has given us a platform for the future," he said.

"Captain Will Fleet and Zak Shingler were the oldest players at 24. The average age of our side was 21 and we've won two T20 competitions this season, so it's good to see these young lads enjoying their cricket."

The Mid Staffs competition is contested by eight clubs, with Brewod, Penkridge, Milford Hall, Eccleshall, Stafford and Fordhouses completing the list.

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